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BY TELEGRAPH.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, January 22, 1862.

The following orders, received from the War Department, are published to the army:

GENERAL ORDER IN RESPECT TO THE BATTLE AT MILL SPRING.

WAR DEPARTMENT, JANUARY 22, 1862.

The President, Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, has received with great joy the victory achieved by the United States forces over a large body of armed traitors and rebels at Mill Spring, in the State of Kentucky. He returns thanks to the gallant officers and soldiers who won that victory, and when the official reports shall be received, the military skill and personal valor displayed in the battle will be acknowledged and rewarded in a fitting manner. The courage that encountered and vanquished the greatly superior numbers of the traitor General Zollicoffer, and attacked them in their entrenchments, and pursued not until the enemy was completely routed, merits and receives commendation.

The purpose of this war is to *attack, pursue and destroy* the rebellious public enemy, and to deliver the country from the danger menaced by traitors. Alacrity, daring, courageous spirit and patriotic zeal on all occasions and under every circumstance are expected from the army of the United States in the prompt and successful movements, and during the late battle of Mill Spring, the nation will realize its hopes and the people will rejoice to honor every soldier and officer who proves his courage by charging with the bayonet and storming entrenchments in the blaze of the enemy's fire.

By order of the President.

(Signed) EDWIN M. STANTON.

The boundaries of the Department of Western Virginia, distinctly defined in the army register for 1862, should be so much of Virginia as lies between its entire boundary on the western side of the Alleghany range, and the boundaries of Pennsylvania and Maryland on the north, and of North Carolina and Tennessee on the south.

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ST. LOUIS, JANUARY 22, 1862.

Joseph C. McKibben, ex-Congressman from California, has just arrived here from that State, and been appointed Judge Advocate on Gen. Halleck's staff, with the rank of Colonel.

Particulars of the death of Maj. Marshall, of Merritt's horse, show it to have been an atrocious murder. Marshall, with a squad of men, was out scouting from Sedalia, and heard at a house on the road that some women had been outraged by a party of rebels not far ahead. They started in pursuit and came in sight of the gang, when a race ensued. Marshall and sauvgeon were in advance, but the rebels rode so rapidly as to escape, all but two; one of whom fell from his horse, and as Marshall rode up threw up his hands and exclaimed to Marshall "I surrender." Marshal turned around to beckon up his comrades, then several hundred yards behind. As he did so the rebel whose life had been spared, drew his weapon and shot Marshall in the left side. The surgeon fired five shots at the fellow as he ran for a corn field, and missed him; but as he was climbing over a fence a sixth shot struck him in the head and killed him instantly.

Dr. Nesbitt, formerly a well known physician of this city, recently arrested in a rebel camp in north Missouri, has been released on his parole.

Acting Governor Hall has appointed M. V. N. Bay Judge of the Supreme Court. Mr. Bay is a Republican.

A letter from Fulton, Mo., dated Monday, says on Saturday Major Caldwell, with fifty men of the 3d Iowa Cavalry, went out on a scouting expedition, eighteen miles from Fulton. They found two treasonable bridge burners, Ira Watkins and Jim Snyder. Hearing there was a camp near Steinfield's store, in Calloway county, they started in search of it. One of the Iowa boys, separated from the rest, suddenly came upon 12 of the rebels, when they fired at him several buck-shot, wounding him severely. The rebels ransomed, and our boys found quite a large amount of spoils.

Kennard & Son, carpet and wall paper dealers on Fourth street, were visited by the military police, this morning, and carpets and rugs to the amount of $800 seized. These goods, with candles seized from Engles, will be sold at public auction.

Fifty soldiers were arrested by the provost guard, last night, in bar rooms and elsewhere.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

The Convention---Pay of Legislature---Proposed Banking System---Debt of the State Twelve Millions.

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The Convention in Committee of the Whole agreed upon four dollars per day as pay of members of the Legislature, and fought all day on stationery, &c.

A minority of the Committee on Banks and Currency will report a clause to be submitted to the people, providing for a very restrictory banking law on a specie basis, founded on State and United States stocks, and taxing the present banks of the State for the benefit of the School Fund virtually out of existence. This is in opposition to Judge Purple's majority report. A spirited debate may be expected on this question to-morrow, Thursday.

The total amount of bonded and unfunded debt of the State is about $12,000,000. This includes outstanding Auditor warrants, but not the school debt.

The Convention may adjourn to-morrow till Monday next, as the members have just voted themselves one hundred dollars each.

FROM CAIRO.

The Flood---Fort Holt to be Abandoned---Arrival of Col. Stuart's Regiment, and its Departure for Paducah.

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In consequence of the great rise in the river, it is thought Fort Holt will be abandoned by our troops. The gunboats have drawn in close to the shore to avoid the swiftness of the current. The report, however, in some of the papers, that the fortifications at this point are being damaged by the flood, is untrue.

The 53th Illinois regiment, Col. Dave Stuart, arrived here at noon to-day from St. Louis, after being ten days on the route. The steamer on which they were being transported got aground, and the troops were landed with the intention of marching them to Jonesboro, but the boat getting afloat again, they were reshipped and proceeded on their way down. They ran out of provisions, and were hungry, of which fact Col. Ross of the Illinois 17th, at Cape Girardeau, The regiment leaves for Paducah to-night.

The gunboats Essex and St. Louis, which went down the river yesterday afternoon, did not find any rebel boats. So they returned.

All here are much elated by the victory achieved by Gen. Thomas over Zollicoffer.

(To be Associated Press.)

CAIRO, Jan. 22.—The 55th Illinois regiment, Col. Stuart, arrived here to-day, on the D. A. January, and proceeded at once to Paducah. Sawyer's men were here and St. Louis is entirely unobstructed.

Lieut. J. R. McKane, of Co. K. 20th Illinois regiment, died to-day at Bird's Point, of erysipelas.

A contraband who left Columbus on Thursday last, states that the rebels there were greatly alarmed in anticipation of an attack on that place, and many of the remaining inhabitants were leaving. According to his description of the extent of the camps and barracks, there cannot be more than 10,000 troops immediately in Columbus. They were erecting stockades and rifle pits at the rear land side of the fortifications.

Up to the rising rapidly and threatens to overflow Camp Holt opposite this place. The troops will be removed from there in the morning.

The gunboats got up-steam, to-day, and moored out of the stream to avoid the drift.

It is reported to-night that rebels from Columbus have occupied Lovelaceville, on Mayfield Creek, where Gen. McClernand's brigade recently encamped. All of our troops have been withdrawn from Fort Jefferson.

FROM VERA CRUZ VIA HAVANA.

The Mexicans Preparing for Strong Resistance---Vera Cruz Beleaguered---Seizure of Powder and Arms for Juarez.

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Sugars dull and declining. Stock 25,000 boxes. Molasses in moderate demand. Exchange declining; Sterling Exchange 12½@18 per cent, and Exchange on New York 1@2 per cent discount.

Mexican news is to the 10th. Communication with the interior is cut off. A regiment of Swiss troops who started forth on the Medellin road for a reconnoissance were driven back, after proceeding a mile, by an unseen force.

Our correspondent says Vera Cruz is surrounded inland, and almost besieged. No vegetables or fruit come to the city, and many articles of home necessity are sadly needed. Many of the Spanish troops are sick, and there are many desertions. There are great fears of an attack upon Vera Cruz. Several Spanish sentinels have been shot.

The American steamer Star had arrived at Vera Cruz with 4,000 guns and 300 pounds of powder, &c., for the Mexican Republic. This was seized by the Spaniards, as also a small lot of arms found on board the brig Puebla. Both were expected and would also be confiscated.

The English, French, and Spanish flags wave over the Castle of San Juan D'Ulloa; the French and English fleets have arrived. Gen. Prim was also at Vera Cruz, and considerable discontent existed among the French and English at a want of courtesy in the advance of the allied expedition, not having hoisted the three flags.

Three thousand men were to make a sortie to endeavor to clear the environs of the city that the market might be supplied with fresh provisions. Most of the French troops had disembarked.

Nassau dates are to the 12th. The English ship-of-war Conqueror will be a total loss. She grounded, also forty cannon.

The Gladiator was still in port with a cargo of arms, etc.

Com. McKeon had sent the Massachusetts, towing four schooners loaded with sand, to be sunk in Horn Island Pass. The health of the troops at Ship Island was excellent.

Great activity prevailed among the troops at Havana, and rumor says they will be sent to Vera Cruz. Several cases of insubordination had occurred among them, and three noncommissioned officers had been killed by them. The murderers were publicly garroted.

Appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court vice McLean.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Washington special state that the President has sent in the nomination of Judge Swayne, of Ohio, to the Supreme Court bench, vice Judge McLean, deceased.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, January 22, 1862.

Mr. HOWE of Wis., from the Committee on Finance, reported back the resolution appropriating $10,000 for the expenses of the Joint Special Committee on the War. Passed.

Mr. TRUMBULL of Ill., from the Judiciary Committee, reported back the House bill regard to witnesses examined before a Congressional Committee. The bill provides that the examination of a witness before a Committee of Congress shall not prevent his examination in a court of justice.

Mr. HARRIS of N. Y. objected to the bill as making a great innovation in the common law rule of evidence, by which a witness is not obliged to testify to anything which may criminate him. He opposed making such an innovation.

Mr. BAYARD, of Del., moved to strike out that portion of the bill which compels a witness to answer questions which may tend to disgrace or make him infamous.

Mr. TRUMBULL explained that the object of the bill was to put the law on this point on common law grounds. The law, as it now stands, enables the greatest criminal to escape, if he can only get before an "Investigating Committee" and tell something about the crime. That very case occurred with the clerk who stole two millions of Indian bonds, and he went clear in that very way.

Mr. HARRIS, of N. Y., offered an amendment that the law shall not be construed so as to require any witness to testify to any fact which will tend to criminate himself. Lost. Yeas 19, nays 21.

The original bill then passed.

Mr. WADE, from the Committee on the Conduct of the War, reported a bill authorizing the President to take possession of certain railroads and telegraph lines. Referred.

Mr. Bright's case was taken up.

Mr. DAVIS of Ky. spoke of the rebellion in terms of scorn, gratifying to believers to be bitter, but hopelessly worse. Such, also, was reported by his friends on Monday, in consequence of which, great was the surprise when it was announced, on Tuesday morning, that he had made all things ready, and would take leave for the East on the departure in the afternoon of that day.

The sequel proved that nearly every announcement made by Madame Rumor was true—there was little or no fiction attending the matter. The Governor went and took with him his physician, a Doctor Chambers, late of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and four noted individuals as guards, to-wit: Lott Huntington, Jason and William Luce, and Moront Chiswon, to each of whom, as reported last evening, one hundred dollars is promised, in the event that they guard him faithfully, and prevent his being killed or becoming qualified for the office of Governor during his absence. He will be shall have arrived at and passed the eastern boundary of the Territory. All these things, notwithstanding their resemblance to fiction, are known to be true; and by the stage, to-day, Judge Crosby and Martin, the repudiated quasi ex-Superintendent of Indian Affairs, also go east for reasons best known to themselves. So says report.

Last evening, after Governor Dawson left, fearful and awful disclosures were made. The opinion of the many that the Governor had committed an offense which jeopardized his personal safety, in the event the insulted lady had relatives in the Territory, proved to be correct; he had more befallen him, than the common law of the country, would, if it had been enforced, caused him to have bitten the dust, and soon as he was supposed that the deed would be divulged by the injured party, he would become sick and crazy, made this will and send for a physician once and again to offer large rewards by the last one, and would make affidavit that nothing of the kind reported had transpired.

Gov. Dawson was formerly editor of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) *Times*, and had been in the territory but about two weeks.

Inasmuch as the State of New York pays $150,000 a year for printing, etc., the Comptroller proposes that it be cut down by stringent legislation, abolishing certain old habits and levying a special tax upon banks, insurance companies, railroads, etc., to pay for the printing of reports in their several specialties. The insurance report this year cost $16,000. The publication of the official canvass cost $40,000. This latter sum he proposes to save altogether, in future. It is notorious that of the hundreds of papers designated to publish the canvass, only one (the State paper) puts it in type, and sells to all the other extra sheets to supply the demand. The arrangement is profitable only to the papers themselves. The public gets no benefit from it whatever.

Rev. Samuel F. Rangent, a Catholic priest from New Orleans, chaplain of the 1st Louisiana (rebel) regiment, and who says he was obliged to flee from the South, via Mexico, because he would not pray for the rebel army, has got himself into trouble very speedily upon his arrival at New York. He visited a Broadway concert room and was robbed of $2,000; and next he committed the further folly of prosecuting the proprietor, who comes into court and tells a very bad story of the feminine's drunken amours with a pretty waiter girl.

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THE BATTLE OF SOMERSET.

Further Interesting Particulars---Our Forces Across the Cumberland in Hot Pursuit.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 22.—Gen. Thomas now reports the Federal loss at 39 killed and 127 wounded. Among the wounded is Col. Rout. H. McCook of the 9th Ohio, and his aid, Lieut. Part of the 10th U. S. Infantry. The rebel loss is Gen. Zollicoffer and 114 others killed and buried; 116 wounded; and 45 prisoners not wounded, 5 of whom were surgeons, and Lieut. Col. Carter of the 17th Tennessee regiment. The prisoners say Gen. Geo. B. Crittenden was first in command, Zollicoffer second. Crittenden fled to the woods, taking the wrong road. It is supposed he will be captured.

The Federal forces actively engaged were the 10th Indiana, 4th Kentucky, 20 Minnesota and 9th Ohio. Their respective loss was in the order named.; They were reinforced after the first Sunday engagement by the 12th and 10th Kentucky, 1st and 2d Tennessee, 14th, 21st, 20th and 18th Ohio, and Standard's, Whitmore's and Hegner's batteries.

The rebel force was estimated at 10,000.

Green Clay of Bourbon county, son of Brutus Clay, old to Shoopit, but with Gen. Thomas in the engagement, has just arrived, bringing an elegant silk rebel flag, inscribed—"Presented to the Mountain Rangers, Capt. F. A. Ashford, by Miss W. D. Chardevine."

Col. S. S. Fry, of the 4th Kentucky, had his horse shot from under him by one of Zollicoffer's side, when he turned and shot Zollicoffer through the left breast.

The first breaking of the rebel ranks was effected by Col. R. H. McCook, of the 9th Ohio, ordering his regiment to charge bayonets, which put the rebels to immediate flight. The last order issued was found in the rebel encampment, and was signed "Col. Cummings, Senior In Command," directing the rebels to disperse and save themselves in the best way they could.

The *Journal* says Gen. Thomas with a large force crossed the Cumberland and is hunting the flying rebels through Wayne county.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 23.—A private dispatch from Somerset, Ky., says that Col. McCook, of the 9th Ohio, was wounded in the recent battle. Three balls struck his coat, a fourth passed through his overcoat, and a fifth hit him. The wound is painful but not dangerous.

The Louisville *Journal* of yesterday says twelve cannon were captured at Somerset, and thinks the rebel army cannot escape. There are from seven to ten Federal regiments, which were thrown across Cumberland river some days since, to intercept their retreat. Unless they decide to squeeze and find their way into Tennessee by unfrequented paths, they must all be entrapped.

A letter to the *Commercial*, dated Somerset, Jan. 19th, says Zollicoffer had to have boats ferried by Col. Fry, of the 3d Kentucky regiment. We have taken many prisoners.

The loyal Tennesseans fought like tigers, and have suffered much. The 9th Ohio is badly cut up. The Tennessean took one battery at the point of the bayonet.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 19.—The entire loss at the late battle near Somerset was 39 killed and 150 wounded.

Gen. Thomas's forces took 14 cannon and 1,000 mules and horses.

Gen. Thomas is now across the Cumberland river in pursuit of the rebels.

The steamboat and eight of the barges used by the rebels have fallen into our hands. The Federals are using the remaining barges in transporting troops across the river.

From Leavenworth---Troops for Gen. Lane---His Indian Allies---Movements of Col. Jennison.

LEAVENWORTH, Jan. 22.—The 13th Wisconsin infantry, Col. Maloney, arrived here to-day to form a part of Lane's column. Other regiments are expected soon.

Opotholoyiho, chief of the Union Indians, is her, to confer with Gen. Hunter.

Col. Jennison's regiment of cavalry is ordered to the Indian country.

Missouri Troops for the War.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 22.—A report by Adjutant General Harding to Gov. Gamble, shows that thirty-three thousand eight hundred and eighty-two Missouri troops have entered the Federal service, for three years or the war, of which 25,000 are infantry, 2000 artillery, and 6000 cavalry. The number of militia organized under the Government's call for six months' men was upwards of 9000.

Nothing Yet Heard from Burnside's Expedition.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 22.—The boat from Old Point has arrived, but brings no news.

A flag of truce from Norfolk brought no intelligence of the Burnside expedition.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—A general order has been issued from the War Department compli-menting both officers and soldiers on the result of the battle at Mill Springs, Ky., and says when the official report shall be received the military skill and personal valor displayed in the battle will be acknowledged in a befitting manner.

The Senate to-day in executive session, confirmed a large number of nominations, among them John Lathrop Motley, as Minister to Austria.

The House Committee on Judiciary to-day commenced investigation into telegraph censorship.

The following was received at headquarters to-night from Gen. Thomas:

"The route of the enemy is complete. After getting two cannon and about fifty wagons across the river they abandoned them with all the ammunition in the depot at Mill Spring. They then threw away their arms and dispersed through the mountains in the direction of Monticello, so demoralized that I don't believe they will make a stand short of Tennessee. The property captured this side the river is of great value, amounting to 6 pounders, and two parrott guns, with cassions filled with ammunition; about 300 four-horse wagons; about 1500 horses and mules; boxes of arms never opened; and from five hundred to one thousand muskets, mostly flint locks; subsistence store for the entire army for three days, and a large amount of hospital stores. Our loss was 39 killed and 127 wounded. The loss of the rebels was 114 killed and buried, 116 wounded, and 45 prisoners not wounded, 5 of whom are surgeons, and Lieut. Col. Carter, of a Tennessee regiment.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The Washington dispatches say that the statement that the Senate Committee on foreign relations had voted to recommend the establishment of diplomatic intercourse with Hayti is doubtless premature. There is considerable opposition to such a step, as tending to excite feeling in the border States.

Gen. James, of Rhode Island, is here, endeavoring to remove and counteract prejudices of certain army and navy officers against his rifle cannon and projectiles.

FROM THE UPPER POTOMAC.

Position of the Federal and Rebel Forces---No Battle Yet.

FREDERICK, Jan. 22.—The latest intelligence from Western Virginia is to the effect that Jackson is near Romney and partially occupies the town, while Loring has fallen back a few miles, towards Cumberland. There has been no action. Jackson has 17,000 men and is fortifying impregnably the whole of Dutfield's Station, Bloomer's Furnace and Kearneyville Cross Roads. At Winchester there were but two hundred militia.

Refugees from Martinsburg bring intelligence that there are but twenty militia in that that town, and these are anxious to lay down their arms and join the Union forces. This seems to be a general sentiment throughout that region.

The Martinsburg *Republican* of the 17th, appeals to the Governor of Virginia to arm negroes. It says that at the late battle near Bath, the rebel forces were met by seven hundred negroes on the Union side, who killed three rebel officers, two privates, and wounded fifty others belonging to a Southern German regiment.

Capt. Williams of the Indians 13th, recently captured opposite Dam No. 4, writes that he is in prison at Richmond, and desires assistance. He says that prisoners have but little to eat and are literally eaten up by vermin.

A man named Wright, formerly of Baltimore, had been detected endeavoring to procure the transportation of seven packs of salt into Virginia at Dam No. 4, on a speculation. He is now in custody.

Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 22.—Governor Yates this morning sent in a communication, showing the amount and description of the State indebtedness. The total amount owed by the State is eleven millions four hundred thousand dollars, one million of which is for bonds.

The Committee on the Judiciary reported that it is the opinion of the Committee that the Convention has the power to apportion the State into Congressional Districts. They regard the provision in the Constitution of the United States, that the Legislatures of the State shall do this, as not referring to a Legislature in its *technical* sense, but that the Convention is a Legislature to the intent and meaning of the provision.

Several unimportant resolutions were introduced, and the Convention went into Committee of the Whole.

Four dollars per day was decided upon as compensation to members of the Legislature.

Much time was consumed in useless debate, but nothing further was resolved upon.

An Artillery Reconnoissance by Capt. Mott.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The *Herald's* dispatch says Capt. Mott, of Mott's battery, attached to Gen. Smith's Division, in defiance of rain, darkness and mud, started out last evening on a reconnoissance. Coming across news of the enemy, they pushed on to Fairfax C. H., where they found a body of pickets. Capt. Mott threw up a signal light, and gave the command to fire. This bold demonstration frightened the mounted pickets. Returning the fire they fled at their utmost speed. Our men did not pursue, and none were hit by the exchange of shots. Capt. Mott ascertained the fact that the rebel picket lines had been removed considerably inside of where they were a short time ago.

For Europe---Specie Line.

BOSTON, Jan. 22.—The Canada sailed at noon for Liverpool. She takes out $80,000 and 5,000 sovereigns in specie.

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The English, French, and Spanish flags wave over the Castle of San Juan D'Ulloa; the French and English fleets have arrived. Gen. Prim was also at Vera Cruz, and considerable discontent existed among the French and English at a want of courtesy in the advance of the allied expedition, not having hoisted the three flags.

Three thousand men were to make a sortie to endeavor to clear the environs of the city that the market might be supplied with fresh provisions. Most of the French troops had disembarked.

Nassau dates are to the 12th. The English ship-of-war Conqueror will be a total loss. She grounded, also forty cannon.

The Gladiator was still in port with a cargo of arms, etc.

Com. McKeon had sent the Massachusetts, towing four schooners loaded with sand, to be sunk in Horn Island Pass. The health of the troops at Ship Island was excellent.

Great activity prevailed among the troops at Havana, and rumor says they will be sent to Vera Cruz. Several cases of insubordination had occurred among them, and three noncommissioned officers had been killed by them. The murderers were publicly garroted.

Appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court vice McLean.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Washington special state that the President has sent in the nomination of Judge Swayne, of Ohio, to the Supreme Court bench, vice Judge McLean, deceased.

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In consequence of information received this afternoon of block of Eastward bound Freight upon the New York Roads, we can receive no more freight for New York until further notice.

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A BATTLE WITH FIRE!

Seven Stores Burned in Pennsylvania.

FIVE OF HERRING'S SAFES VICTORIOUS!

WELLSBORO, PENN., Dec. 21st, 1861.

GENTLEMEN:—At the great fire, which occurred here on the 19th of December last, my store, with a number of other buildings, was entirely destroyed; but one of your safes was saved, containing my books and over five of your notes severely tested, in every instance saving their contents, to the complete and perfect satisfaction of the owners. Two of your Herring's Patent Champion safes, which were in my building, remained there through the entire conflagration and were not opened until the day after the fire. To water was thrown on the building. Everything in my safe after the fire was nearly as good as new. C. L. WILCOX. Herring's Patent Champion saved my books, papers and about $400 in PAPER MONEY. I would use no other.

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The Tribune.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1862.

A TOKEN OF WEAKNESS.

Within a short time past a strange and marked difference of tone has characterized the press of the rebel States touching the composition and perpetuity of their forces in the field. Less is written of the burning zeal and lofty patriotism of the sons of the South. We have fewer vivid word-paintings of the consuming fervor which animates the chivalry, and the reason may be imagined with considerable accuracy. It is not there. Whatever may have been the manifestations of the first rush to arms, under the inspiration of the mad frenzy of revolt, the circumstances have not been of the most favorable character to keep alive that spirit.

A section of country, exclusively agricultural, and accustomed to look abroad for the products of the mechanic arts, rage and hate could but ill supply the lack, when these springs were cut off, and in the matter of comforts and absolute necessaries of military outfit, the deficiency has been severely felt.

The mouthings of Southern orators and the eloquent paragraphs of eminent journalists, did much to roll up the army of Secessia, but neither words, nor the rebel Government's paper promises to pay, could furnish a material and actual response to the demands which have sprung from the enrollment of these forces. The larger share of the industrial wealth of the South, at the outbreak of the war, was in the hands of Northern men. These were the first to be driven away before the insane zeal of the slaveholders' rebellion, and they came north by hundreds, flying and hunted down. This was the first fruits of the rebellion. From the Southern railroads were thus driven their most efficient managers from the limited manufacturing enterprises of the South, the best operatives disappeared under like pressure. Then followed the blockade, and the chief sources of supply of manufactured articles from abroad were thenceforth cut off.

The South had learnt, through a long course of years, to look to the North for shoes, hats, metal wares, and the multiform products of our looms. These she was called to part with at a time the most illy calculated to foster new home enterprises to take their place, and at a time when there was a larger demand than ever before for that very numerous share of these articles which go to make up military outfit. It was absurd ever to have based an expectation on our blockade, that it would starve out the South, whose rich agricultural resources laughed such a threat to scorn, but there are other sources of weakness and exhaustion besides lack of food, and and these Secessia has been brought to experience.

We have come fully to credit the oft told tale of the inevitable "contraband," or the "reliable gentleman" freshly arrived from the rebel lines, that the rebel army is poorly clad; that it is shoeless, hatless and ragged; that glittering officers in all the pride of the "Young South" confront at their parades long lines of tatterdemalions whose fluttering rags would shame Falstaff's recruits. These tales are true. The crowded rabble that from the doubtful contention of the poor white of the South, became the material of her legions, have made up the poorest supplied army that has ever taken the field, on this continent, and we scarcely wish to banish from the comparison the worst experiences of the revolution. It has been beyond the power of the rebel leaders to secure any other result. Confederate bonds are not the basis on which capital chooses voluntarily to found cotton mills and machine shops. These are the reasons for the physical suffering which worn out the spirit and toned down the fierce zeal of the hordes of ignorant and half brutal men summoned from Whippy Swamp with a promise of the speedy sack of Northern cities, and fighting for no principle but Slavery.

While the Federal army, month by month, has become better and better supplied with camp comforts, and the best description of military outfit, over against their lines has hung the gaunt dilapidated rabble, the evils of whose lack of similar necessaries, no military skill of leaders could atone for, or supply. As a result, these soldiers are getting sick of it. And here we do not trust the "contraband," for we remember that one of them once deceived our illustrious Illinois Fouke, nor to the "reliable gentleman" for we have better testimony, no less than the evidence of the Southern press, who view with ill dissembled quakings what may result when the twelve-month term of service of their raggedmen at arms shall expire. The Richmond *Examiner* of the 9th tells us that the wisest men of the South have grave apprehensions on this very point. They openly refer to "the extreme hazard of allowing the dissolution of the regiments in the field," and confess that in this peril they see "serious sources of apprehension for the Southern cause." This simply means that they fear the soldiers will not re-enlist; that they know many of them are determined not to re-enter the army. Rank and file are disgusted with a service that has brought them nothing but want and suffering.

What, therefore, we desire to notice as the token of weakness in the rebellion, is this distrust in its volunteers, most strongly confessed in the remedy proposed. Several leading journals at the South are openly urging *"the abandonment of the system of voluntary enlistment,"* and substituting therefor *"the authority of the Government commanding the services of the citizens."* Says the Richmond *Examiner*, above quoted:

> Let the Government order the soldiers already in the field to remain until relieved; let it require those not enlisted to put themselves in the field.

And in support of the new doctrine we are referred to what Louis Napoleon would doubtless do under similar circumstances. Volunteering, these rebel journals pronounce, a "broken reed." Its statesmen and legislators as pathetically appealed to:

> To lift themselves out of the deep ruts of routine and to strike out new pathways! If not, like the army horses in Western Virginia, they will drown in the country's cause in the mud and mire of the old traveled way.

It is upon such a present and nearly impending military crisis in the rebel States that the effect of present movements of the Federal forces must tell. The defeat of Zollicoffer will thrill throughout the South, and will be speedily followed up by other blows about to fall. It remains to be seen how the rebel volunteers will receive the proposed despotic scheme of impressment, but it can be imagined. If the Federal Government presses its present advantages with vigor the rebellion is dead. It has confessed by its own leaders that its cause cannot be entrusted to volunteers, and the activity of our generals, and the splendid armies they lead, can easily make that other hope of the rebellion futile and vain. Push on the columns.

MEDICALLY CONSIDERED.

Neither the Medical Bureau nor the Sanitary Commission, jointly nor severally, have in their list of medicaments and restoratives, a remedy so efficacious as that which within the past few days been carried through all our military hospitals, the glorious news from Somerset. It has spread from cot to cot, has infused new vigor into convalescents, set the sluggish blood dancing in the veins where it had been long torpid, called a flush, other than of fever, to the cheek, and fire other than of delirium to the eye. The era of action arrived; the tidings of glorious deeds accomplished; the earnest of stirring scenes to come. It was just what was wanted, and what *materia medica* could not supply. The soldier runs out, in his winter camp, far removed from excitement, and, with nothing but the dull routine of the cantonment, must become oppressive and dangerous. It underlies the larger share of the cases that swell the hospital returns and lists of mortality. It is best met and cured by precisely that description of "motorpathy" which an advance movement brings. The experiences of winter marches, of heavy roads, of picket duty without tent or fire, of scouting thick with perils, are nothing to the strong man so that his mind is kept alive, and he feels that he is doing a soldier's duty. We hope the era has come.

A Bit of Village History.

The reader will remember the situation at last accounts. Here were the alarmed villagers, yonder the fire making vigorous progress, and midway at the fireground the volunteer firemen laboriously *drilling*. The remonstrances of the spectators availed nothing, since on examination it was found that none of them had any great experience in the fireman's profession, no account being taken of the general conviction that water will extinguish fire. There were some scattered attempts at consolation that the fire would probably go out of itself in a short time, though there was nothing that looked like it; indeed it had already spread to several adjoining buildings. It would certainly be extinguished, however, directly upon being played upon by the engine, and of course when the firemen got at work upon it with the advantage of their drill, it would soon be disposed of.

But there was still another feature of the occasion we feel called upon to notice. When the first alarm was given, several ill-conditioned fellows turned out with great promptness, one of them being heard to remark confidentially to another as he ran, that as this was "likely to be considerable of a fire he had *brought a very large bag.*" It is in evidence that several actually took along wheel-barrows and hand carts, and with great cheerfulness prepared to indulge in every advantage of the times. It would be painful to follow out such instances of human depravity. One thing is certain, the fellows went about their work with great confidence, apparently sustained by precedents that somebody had afforded, and advantage from the alarm, confusion and distress of fires.

The incident of drilling the firemen at the frog pond, even to the extent of sending many of them home tired out, before a gill of water had been thrown on the fire, we think has no parallel, and are not sure our readers have ever heard anything like it, the only reason of course that we mention it in the exercise of our duty as journalists. As to the case of the low fellows who took bags and wheelbarrows to carry off their plunder from the fire, we execrate them utterly, a feeling our virtuous readers doubtless share. If there be anything meaner than stealing at a fire, it was not until a few months past discovered; an improvement on an old patent, of course, since rascality would never be passed upon as a new invention at the Patent Office.

What of the low fellows who took "very large bags," aye, and filled them too, when the nation was in danger? These last started promptly at the first alarm, not to put out the fire, nor to lessen the general distress of the community, but to "steal at the fire," and they did it, too. For witnesses against them can be called up at will, very many soldiers glad in shoddy, with paper soled shoes; very many steeds with "flutted sides," ringboned, and melancholy with glanders and sweeny. There will also appear of record a long list of millions that honest people will be called to pay, to make up for what those "thieves at the fire" have carried off in their large bags—some of them to Europe. When the virtuous public are indignant at the treachery shown to steal at fire, and call upon them the high and mighty indignation of Police Magistrates, let us pray that there is a Magistrate, even the Chief Magistrate who will not allow these knaves to escape, when lesser ones get their dues. Shall we drive away mosquitoes that we may be preyed upon by vampyres? Nay, verily.

The Conduct of the War.

The Committee on the Conduct of the War had a long session on Monday. They resumed the evidence in Gen. Patterson's case, and examined two of his Aids, Cols. Riddle and Thomas, upon the point of Johnston's escape. It is said that none of the evidence adduced by Patterson will vindicate his fame or relieve him of the responsibility of the disaster at Bull Run. The Committee will make no comments on the testimony of witnesses in that affair, but will let the facts as presented by Patterson go forth to the world.

The Sutler Question.

Since Senator Wilson first agitated the sutler question, the profits of that fraternity have, it is said, fallen off at least one half. Their latest advice is embodied in the following circular, which they have printed and distributed through the camps:

> SOLDIERS, BEWARE.
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> The Government seeks to place your hard-earned dues beyond your control by a system called the
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> "ALLOTMENT LAW."
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> The money allotted to other never comes into your possession, and is, for the whole term of your enlistment, entirely considering you
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> NOT CAPABLE
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> of managing your own affairs. It has been supposed you were
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> FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM,
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> and not to be enslaved. Your decision in the matter for
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> THE FIRST PAY
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> governs each pay hereafter.

Proposed Issue of Money Orders to be Sent by Mail.

The Post-office Committee of the House of Representatives have under consideration the introduction of a money order system for the transmission through Post-office orders of sums under thirty dollars at the average rate of about one-half of one per cent. A like system to this pays expenses and yields a net revenue of about one hundred thousand dollars per annum in England, but it has failed to pay in either Ireland or Canada. It was first established in Great Britain as the private enterprise of three of the clerks in the Post-office Department during the Napoleonic war, to enable soldiers and sailors to make small remittances, and was subsequently adopted by the department. The existence of almost precisely similar circumstances in this country suggests its adoption as a measure of convenience to the half a million of soldiers now in the service, and the fact that the Government continually needs large sums of money in the western States, where the use of this system would produce an accumulation of the postal revenue, would, it is thought, compensate for what has been hitherto urged as the disadvantage of the system. It remains to be seen, also, if the banking system proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury would not also enhance the value of this mode of distributing the Post-office receipts.

The Reported Peace Propositions.

Rumors have been current at Springfield and St. Louis that propositions of peace have been offered by Jeff. Davis to the Administration, as well as to England and France. Those reported propositions are as follows:

1. Recognition of the Southern Confederacy.
2. Absolute free trade between Northern and Southern Confederacies.
3. Abrogation of the Fugitive Slave Law.
4. Introduction of Coolie labor to Southern States.

In addition to the above, a gentleman residing in St. Louis in a high official capacity is the authority for the statement that he learned from *Federal officers who claim to be in communication with* relatives in the Confederate army that Davis has also submitted the following:

5. Abolition of slavery in twenty-five years.

This last, the gentleman says, is the bait thrown out to England.

☞ The number of military appointments before the Senate Committee are 1,400, a large proportion of whom will be slaughtered. In the investigation of the qualifications of each man, the Committee seem determined that no man shall receive their endorsement simply on account of political favoritism, family or wealth, but alone upon those requisite qualifications necessary to make a good officer. There are many regrets expressed that Gen. Stone was confirmed at the July session, as, in consequence of his record subsequently made, and now in evidence before the Committee on the Conduct of the War, he would not now be confirmed.

☞ It is pretty well settled that the stone fleet sunk in the main ship channel of Charleston accomplished its purposes. Although the upper works of the hulks have in a measure disappeared, the stern and the larger part of the hulks remain, and the tidal flow of the sea has washed to that point immense quantities of sand, which has formed a bar across the channel at that point, and effectually closed it for at least twenty years to come. The main ship channel is morally closed. Until a careful survey is made no vessel will dare to go out over it, and that survey cannot be made until the rebellion is terminated.

☞ Gen. Dix spoils a story told by the Charleston *Mercury* of the fearful display of secesh eloquence made in his presence by a certain Mr. W. of Southern sympathies. He denies in the most positive manner that he ever had any such conversation.

☞ The camps on the Potomac are crystallized with ice and snow. This drives the boys to their tents and to writing letters. In three rainy days the 6th New Hampshire regiment sent off three thousand letters.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

More Signs of Encroachment—Gen. Lane's Expedition—The new Secretary of War and the new Minister to Russia.

[From our own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22, 1862.

In my last letter I spoke of some hopeful indications which had become visible to the naked eye in this usually despondent city. While the roads have been getting worse and worse, the signs of the times have been getting better and better. Stanton has taken possession of the war office, which is a good thing. Cameron has been confirmed and presented with a clean bill of health for the Court of St. Petersburg. Gen. Burnside is undoubtedly doing the work he was sent to perform in gallant style, and Gen. Wool is giving him the amplest opportunities by engaging the enemy's attention at Norfolk, and keeping the rebels at that point in a perpetual fret and fever. But the most hopeful of all things is the solemn assurance given to Gen. Lane, by the President, the new Secretary of War and Gen. McClellan, that his plan of putting down the rebellion, *by putting down slavery, shall be tried to the satisfaction of himself and the country.*

Let it be understood that Gen. Lane's plan comprehends more than has been hitherto attempted by any other military commander. Fremont proposed to liberate only the slaves of rebels after a kind of trial in court. Lane proposes to liberate at once *all the slaves* in the country he occupies, and to establish them on *the soil of the rebel masters.* In this way he expects to restore peace quiet in the rebellious districts, and at the same time to give the negroes every inducement to remain at home and not overrun the North, as some croakers apprehend. I shall not be surprised to hear that he has established a free State Constitution and government in Texas, supported by the non-slaveholding Germans of the western counties—the rebels being all driven out, or reduced to submission and held to their duties and obligations by the emancipated blacks. It is too late in the day to be hunting up apologies for this line of policy; this effectual method of dealing with the friends of Jeffdon. The thing is going to be tried by 50,000 Northwestern troops, with Lane at their head, and Montgomery and Jenkson on the right hand and on the left. Let the pro-slavery men in the Illinois Convention, who were so fierce to endorse the new Secretary of War, put this in their pipes and smoke it. Let them understand, too, that Secretary Stanton is the endorser and promoter of Lane's expedition, and that he has promised to back it with all the energies of the Department which he administers. And let us all see which division of the Union army will reach the Gulf of Mexico first! The three divisions this side of Kansas have been from four to seven months preparing. The other can hardly be said to have commenced preparations. If General Lane does not reach that goal ahead of competition, he will spoil a good army in the attempt. He believes that the country can better afford to lose twenty or thirty thousand men in honest, hearty attempts to subdue the rebels, than to remain longer shivering on the brink of engaging the enemy, and if he can do nothing more he can sacrifice himself and his men, and thus teach foreign nations that there is somebody on our side in dead earnest.

The belief is growing and general that the army has at last got a master, and the country my honest and popular friend, Simon Cameron of Stanton. Both these things have been in the highest degree necessary, and in the worst degree lacking. Gen. McClellan's responsibilities have been quite too enormous. He should not be required to be commander of armies and Sec. of War at the same time. Our system of Government provides for a nicer division of labor, and the fifty persons who have been favored with Presidential interviews, have told me this winter that Mr. Lincoln was just as much and more at home in the labor of the army as anybody else. Well, it happens to be *his* prerogative to inaugurate a different system, or to find out satisfactory reasons for the instant rejection of it. *Not alone.* If the reasons are satisfactory, it is not for him to be either annoyed or vexed. If they are not satisfactory, it is for him to institute a new and improved regime of military affairs. He alone, of all complainers, has no excuse for complaining. Probably these facts have made their due impression on his mind, and he has thus put a load upon Gen. McClellan. This idea is strenuously maintained by some of the most zealous Republican Senators. I *hope* they are correct.

The 42d Illinois in Winter Quarters—Their Present Condition.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

CAMP WORTH, SURVIVORS, Mo.,
January 18th, 1862.

The first regiment of the Douglas Brigade, or in other words the 42d regiment Illinois volunteers, with a small battery, went into winter quarters at this point about the 12th of December, and occupy the buildings of the town for barracks. It is of itself a small army, ready at a moment's notice to march, but at present the enemy seems to be very much scattered. I can truly say we are in the enemy's country, and seldom have I met what I believe to be a good Union man. The few residents occupying their former homes will tell you they take no part in the war—and the saying that "those who are not for us are against us" applies in such cases. The ignorance of the resident white population of this part of Missouri almost surpasses belief—and slavery exists in its lowest and most degraded form—the curse of which has laid a heavy hand upon what might otherwise have been a flourishing and prosperous State.

The Union people have been driven from their homes. The secessionists are either in the Southern army, or skulking about ready to commit any unlawful depredations upon the few remaining inhabitants whom I will term neutrals. Hence the towns and villages are deserted. The Pacific Railroad, the terminus of which is eight miles west of here, is in good running order, and is guarded its entire length by Union troops. An army twenty thousand strong are within eight miles of here, with little prospect of a movement at present.

There is considerable sickness in the different camps, and many deaths among the soldiers, and if half the complaints we hear are true, the hospital arrangements are very far from what they should be. In no hospital I have visited have I seen a neat, well-kept, and in fact anything that approaches a comfortable bed; and let me here urge upon the friends of our volunteers, who contemplate making any donations, that they attend to the bed and the comfort of a sick man, will be far more acceptable than the most costly presents.

While in camp the residents in the vicinity drive a good business, and are in the way of supplying the soldiers with pies, cakes, apples, &c. And as soldiers do not always have ready money to meet their wants in this line, meat, meals, or something exchanged, and that often seen quite large quantities of coffee traded. And when I tell you that this same coffee is sold by the quart, and of very small size, and traded for pies, cakes, &c., you will agree that soldiers do not lack for expedients to make a raise. And it has occurred to me that those who visit camp will say the Union troops are supplied with very poor coffee.

The officers of the 42nd regiment feel very keenly the loss of Col. W. A. Webb, although he had been in command but a few weeks when he died, and his fellow officers claim the honor of heading a subscription to raise means for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument to his memory, as it is understood the friends of the deceased in your city are moving in the matter.

The ground is covered with snow, and for some days the weather has been very cold, making many a soldier think of his old home and firside. G. W. G.

Treason in High Places.

[From the Washington Globe.]

If the war for the Union fail, its failure will probably be caused more by treason than by force of arms. There is every reason to believe that the success of the rebellion hitherto has been secured almost wholly by treasonable communications from traitors in our own ranks or employed in the management of military affairs. Many such communications are known to have been made, and many more are suspected to have been made ever since the beginning of the war. Again and again the Confederates have boasted of their previous knowledge of the movements of our armies, and in many facts have proved their boasts true. We have just learned a most astounding circumstance, which must well nigh shake the patriot's heart with disgust, and almost in despair. An officer of high character has informed us that, to his knowledge, on the day when the Pensacola ran the gauntlet of the rebel batteries, and before the usual hour for communicating the countersign of the day to our pickets opposite one of those batteries, the rebel pickets boastfully shouted the correct countersign across the river, and added: "The Pensacola is coming down to-night!" What does this prove? It proves that the countersigns which are sent from the War Department to our camps, are made known to the rebels by traitors in confidential positions in or near that Department, and that other information in reference to contemplated movements of our naval forces is likewise communicated to the enemy! What is to be the end of all this? Can there not be some purification of the departments, so as to save our country from the destruction that must otherwise result from such fearful treachery? The depressing fact is known that, in reference to the Southern rebellion, or base corruption, has led officers of the Government to carry on, unsuspected, correspondence with the rebels to an extent unknown and undiscoverable. Shall no effort be made to unmask these vile traitors? If discovered, shall we "swear them and let them go," or shall we rather hang them to the first lamp-post? If ever a crime deserved summary and extreme punishment, surely such a base betrayal of confidence as is shown by such acts should be most promptly and severely visited with the law's heaviest penalties. Whether prompted by love of the rebellion, or by the bribes offered by the enemy, or by a mercenary wish to prolong the war, and profit by plundering the Government and the poor soldier, such treason—aggravated a thousand fold by the confidence reposed in the traitors—merits everlasting shame and contempt, and should receive such punishment—forever over—as will make the boldest forever shrink from following the base example.

THE ILLINOIS STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

[From our Special Reporter.]

SPRINGFIELD, January 21, 1862.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Clover.

Minutes of last Convention were read and approved.

COMMUNICATION FROM STATE TREASURER.

The President presented a communication from the State Treasurer, as follows, which was laid on the table, and on motion of Mr. Wentworth, 1,500 copies were ordered printed:

STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE,
SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 18, 1862.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson, President of Constitutional Convention:

SIR:—In answer to the resolution of the Convention adopted January 18, 1862, in relation to funds received as dividend on account of war expenses, I have the honor to state that of war bonds of the denomination of one thousand dollars there has been sold the number of 993, for which there has been realized $468,810. Of the denomination of five hundred dollars there has been sold the number of 982, for which there has been realized $479,960; and of the denomination of one hundred dollars, 319 have been sold, realizing $66,000.

Tabular statements herewith submitted, marked A, B, C, and D, will show when, to whom, and for what funds the same were sold, in payment for bonds, as no sale list has been preserved, the warrants having been treated in all respects the same as those redeemed with money.

The only amount paid to Commissioners is for my own expenses incurred in going to New York for the purpose of arranging the preparation and sale of bonds, in all, three trips, for which my bill of $276 was audited by the commissioners appointed to audit war fund claims. The other commissioners (viz: the Governor and Auditor) have received nothing for their services.

The amount received from the United States and paid into the Treasury up to this date is $1,273,-933.16, as shown by exhibit (E), herewith submitted, in which also is shown the amount of warrants paid by me on account of the war fund, and refunded by the United States.

The amount now remaining in the Treasury to the credit of the War Fund is $230,000, of which $18,000 stands to the credit of the Military Contingent Fund, and $200 is subject to draft on what are called army warrants.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
WILLIAM BUTLER, Treasurer.

1861.	WAR FUND.	DR.
	To proceeds of bonds sold, as per statement	$864,450 00
Sept. 4.	Received of William Thomas, U. S. Quartermaster	375,000 00
Nov. 8.	Received of Capt. A. R. Eddy, U. S. Quartermaster	550,425 27
Nov. 8.	Received of Capt. A. R. Eddy, U. S. Quartermaster	570,986 30
Nov. 8.	Received of Capt. A. R. Eddy, U. S. Quartermaster	77,061 69
		$2,337,803 16
	Balance of Contingent Fund	$18,000 00
	Balance of War Fund	21,000 00
1861.	WAR FUND.	CR.
Sept. 30.	By auditor's warrants surrendered	$871,564 51
Oct. 31.	By auditor's warrants surrendered	965,546 96
Nov. 30.	By auditor's warrants surrendered	1,378,044 49
1862.		
Jan. 18.	Auditor's warrants on hand.	153,647 16
	Cash, Contingent Fund	18,000 00
	Cash, War Fund	27,000 00
		$3,327,803 16

BANKS AND CURRENCY.

Mr. Purple of Peoria, from the Committee on Banking and Currency, to which was referred the amendment to the Article in the Constitution on those subjects, as follows:

Mr. President: The Committee on Banks and Currency, to whom was referred sundry resolutions, communications and memorials in relation to the subject of banks and banking corporations, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the following article as a portion of the amended Constitution of this State, and to recommend its adoption, and to ask the concurrence of the Convention in their report; and have also instructed me to recommend to the Convention that Section 1 of said Article should be submitted as a separate proposition to the people, to be separately voted upon at the election to be held for or against the adoption of the Constitution:

ARTICLE X.

BANKS.

SEC. 1. No bank or banking corporation, nor any association or corporation with any banking powers, shall hereafter be created in this State. This section shall be submitted and be in force immediately, as a portion of and as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, and the same shall be and remain in force as such, unless rejected by the people upon the vote hereafter to be taken for or against the adoption of the same, as provided in this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The General Assembly shall have no power to pass any law whereby the charters of any of the existing banks, banking corporations, or any association or corporation with banking powers, shall be extended, or shall be revived, enlarged, extended or renewed; or whereby any of said banks, banking corporations or associations, or any person with any banking powers, shall acquire any rights or privileges which they do not now possess under the Constitution of this State, and the laws passed in pursuance thereof.

SEC. 3. That no bank bill, check, draft, note or other written or printed instrument for the payment of money, issued by or drawn on any bank, banking association, or any association or corporation with any banking powers, without the State, of a less denomination than ten dollars, shall be circulated as currency in this State; or shall any bank bill, check, draft, note, written or printed instrument be attested or passed within this State, unless the bank or corporation or association or corporation with banking powers issuing the same, or upon which the same is drawn, shall at the time of uttering or passing the same, redeem the circulation and indebtedness in gold and silver.

SEC. 4. The General Assembly, at its next session after the adoption of this Constitution, provide by law, that any person who shall knowingly and willfully and with intent to defraud any person or corporation, violate the provisions of Sec. 3 of this article, shall be punished by imprisonment in the Penitentiary of this State; and for the imposition of such other penalties and forfeitures as the General Assembly may deem proper.

On motion of Judge purple the article was laid upon the table, ordered printed, and made the special order for Friday next.

MILITIA APPOINTMENTS, &c.

Mr. Singleton of Adams, from the Committee on Militia and Military Affairs, reported a resolution asking information respecting the appointment or election of officers, and requesting the Governor and Adjutant General on the subject in the Governor's possession were so voluminous that it would be impossible to obtain all the information required on the subject in a manner satisfactory to the Convention. The Committee was therefore discharged.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

Mr. Edwards of Sangamon offered a resolution asking information from the Judiciary Committee as to whether the Convention had the power to re-apportion the State into Congressional districts. Adopted.

"LICKS" AT THE RAILROADS.

Mr. Riley of Randolph offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Railroads be instructed to inquire and examine into the charters of the several railroads that traverse the State of Illinois, and report to this Convention what, if anything, these charters conflict with the General Railroad Law of this State, and if these charters relieve the Railroad Companies from the control provided in Sec. 28, page 947 of Thompson and Bissell's Revised Statutes; and also, to investigate the charge which has gained currency that the officers of the Railroad Companies have, in the habit of authorizing free passes to campaign suppers and other gratuities to members of the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary Departments of our Government. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Simpson of Henderson offered a resolution asking that a Committee be appointed to examine into the accounts of the Illinois Central Railroad Company in reference to the 7 per cent. allowance to the State on the gross receipts of the Company. Adopted.

COLLECTION OF THE REVENUE.

Mr. Orme of McLean offered a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the interests of the tax-payers of this State will be subserved by a Constitutional provision limiting the Legislature in providing for the collection of the revenue to a time subsequent to the annual meeting of all the boards of trade and commerce between this State and the sea-board. Adopted.

STATIONERY FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Morrill of Hancock offered a resolution as follows, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to report to this Convention a statement showing the amount and description of articles furnished members of the General Assembly under the head of "stationery," setting forth what articles have been furnished for and received by each member of the General Assembly at each session for the past ten years.

ABUSES OF TELEGRAPHS.

The same gentleman offered a resolution requesting that the Committee on Miscellaneous Corporations be instructed to inquire whether abuses have existed in the the telegraph system, or operations in this State, and if so, to report, by constitutional provision or otherwise, some adequate protection to the people against such abuses hereafter. Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

On motion of Mr. Naramore, the Convention went into Committee of the Whole.

The President called Mr. Naramore to the Chair.

PAY AND MILEAGE OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The debate upon the mileage of members of the Legislature, which commenced yesterday, was then resumed; the question being on the motion of Gen. Singleton of Adams to substitute a per annum for a per diem allowance.

Mr. Simpson of Henderson offered an amendment outlawing off repudiation of all kinds.

Mr. Edwards of Sangamon was in favor of allowing the Legislature to fix its own compensation, and made a very able argument in support thereof. He favored that although all State officers were restricted by the Constitution to certain defined salaries, still nearly all of them received extra compensation in one shape or another; so with the members of the Legislature. No matter what the constructions, they always manage to get extra pay in one form or another.

Mr. Ficklin of Coles was very decided in his opposition to a per annum allowance. He was in favor of a reasonable per diem compensation.

Mr. Rose of Fulton was in favor of a moderate per diem allowance. He said that the people had repudiated the action of members of the United States Congress in voting themselves high salaries. In the same course he pursued in the Convention, the people will defeat the Constitution at the polls.

Mr. O'Melveny of Marion was also strongly in favor of a per diem compensation.

A motion to strike out $2.00 per day in Section 24, article 3, was then put and carried.

A motion to insert a per annum for a per diem allowance was lost.

Mr. Allen of Williamson offered an amendment fixing the per diem of the members of the Legislature at four dollars per day, with 10 cents for mile to and from the capital; also providing for one dollar per day additional for the Speaker. It was decided to be out of order.

Judge Purple, for information, offered a substitute for the original section (24) leaving the entire question of the amount per diem of the members and officers to the Legislature itself. It will receive the support of some very strong members in the Convention, but the majority, I think, are fearful that it would not be satisfactory to their constituents.

Without taking any definite action, the Committee rose and reported progress, after which the Convention adjourned.

THE LOSS OF TIME IN THE CONVENTION.

It is evident that the members of the Convention are very fearful of doing anything which they think will not be acceptable to the people. Their great and absorbing idea appears to be, so far as the Constitution of itself is concerned, to make one which will command the vote of the people, at least upon all points other than any political move which it is intended to make hereafter against the State officers now in power, by ordinance or otherwise. That such move is intended to be made, however, I have as yet no means of knowing.

THE STATE AND ITS ARMY CONTRACTS.

A good deal of feeling has been manifested by the opponents of the State officers upon the subject of the contracts entered into by the State with various persons for army clothing, arms and supplies of various kinds. It is charged by the opponents of our officers, that they have made contracts needlessly, and that on this account there is now on the hands of the State a large amount of materials of this kind which cannot be disposed of except at a loss. It appears that there are some $040,000 worth of material on hand or contracted for, and as the State Quartermaster's Department is, or will be abolished, this material will not be accepted by the United States, except at a reduction of some 10 per cent. on its original cost—a loss of, it is asserted, $100,0000 or $150,000.

On the part of the State officers, they claim that the United States has agreed to take the contracts off their hands without loss to the State. It is acknowledged that there is some difference with the United States War Department in respect to overcoats and some other articles. These owned by the State are claimed to be of a much better quality than those provided for by the United States, and consequently cost more money. The Governor, however, thinks he can make it appear that the State will be fully reimbursed, and thus will be at no loss. He will make a public statement upon the subject in a day or two, whether the Convention or not, I am not informed. Till that statement appears, and in order to do justice to all parties concerned, I forbear further allusion to the matter. I only aim, in all my communications, to give facts, leaving to you, Messrs. Editors, the right to comment upon them.

A Tennessee Negro of "Whitish Color" held as a Runaway at Lexington, Mo.

BENTON BARRACKS, MO., Jan. 19, 1862.

Messrs. Editors Tribune:

Please examine the inclosed advertisement, cut from the *Missouri Republican* of this date, and notice how *legal men* of a *whitish color* who have escaped from *disloyal men* of the *disloyal State* of Tennessee are used by the constituted authorities of Missouri:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LEXINGTON, MO.,
November 25, 1861.

NOTICE.—This is to certify that there was committed to the jail of Lafayette county, Mo., on this November 25, 1861, a negro or mulatto boy SAM'L E. RAMSAY, and he says he belongs to one H. T. Maley, of Tipton county, Tennessee. Said slave is about 20 years of age; is of about the size of 5 feet 8 inches in height; weighs about 150 lbs.; has on grey colored clothes. Said boy says his name is Sam, and hangs his head when you talk to him; says he has been gone 3 or 4 months. Said slave is a light color for a whitish color, and says his name as HORACE.

I, therefore, give notice that, in pursuance of section 2, page 1,007 of Statutes of Missouri, 1845, that I have said slave in my custody, and the owner, overseer or agents are hereby required to make application for said slave within the next months, and pay all charges incurred on account of subsistence, or I, the undersigned, Sheriff of Lafayette county, Mo., will, on

MONDAY, THE 10 DAY OF MARCH, 1862,

sell for cash, at public auction, the said runaway slave above described.

Given under my hand, this date above.

nov-wlm G. M. JACQUES, Sheriff.

Old Virginia.

[Correspondence of the Boston Journal.]

It used to be a favorable Saturday pastime of the Washington correspondents to cross over into Virginia and visit Mr. Custis at Arlington, or some of the other families of the F. F. V.'s, living in decayed pomp upon the proceeds of an annual sale of a negro or two. Some of the gentlemen had offices, or hoped to have them, riding over and remaining an hour or two each day, but participating in pursuits more suited to the metropolitan scandal and what was worn. Presto! The scene has been changed, and the actors have gone Dixieward. Some of them have been burned, trees cut down, huge forts loom up on every height, white tents dot the valleys, and the houses are used as headquarters. Gallant generals plan in the parlors where the best meet forces in which the former hosts now serve under the rebel flag, and the mail dens are with their relatives nearer the rebel capital, where they must miss their Godey with its fashion-plates and their shopping.

A few years more, and disbanded Northern volunteers, who have fought for the love of valor has conquered, turning their sabres into corn cutters, and make the worn-out fields blossom like the rose.

Gen. Lane's Programme.

[Washington Correspondence of the N. Y. Post.]

General Lane has had a very cordial reception from the new Secretary of War, as well as from the President and General McClellan. He has, in several interviews with the President, discussed his plans. Gen. McClellan asked him, at an interview, the other day: "Suppose, Lane, that you should capture the rebel army, what would you do with it?" "Then," replied Lane, "I will take good care to leave no rebel sentiment behind me. If Missouri, Arkansas and the Indian Territory can't control themselves under the laws of the Government, my plan is to make of them a wilderness. I would give the traitors twenty-four hours to choose between treason and death. Sir, if I can't do better, I will kill off the white traitors and give their lands to the loyal black men!" The friends of Lane assert that upon hearing this reply, McClellan laughed heartily, and said: "You must work out your own plans. Go your way, and see to it that no rebel sets his foot in Kansas."

☞ The Philadelphia *Inquirer* says that in conformity with usage, after the election of Bishop Stephens to the Assistant Bishopric of Pennsylvania, a notice to that effect was sent, via Fortress Monroe, to the various Bishops of the Southern States, requesting their acquiescence. But one reply was received, that from Bishop Atkinson of North Carolina, who, without political remark or allusion to the divided state of the country, gave a ready consent. This may be looked on as a tacit acknowledgement of Union feeling, and a denial of the divided condition of the Episcopal Church in the United States.

ARMY CONTRACTS.—The Investigating Committee (contracts) will, it is said, be ready to give another instalment of evidence, or rather a continuation of the report. It may be proper to state in this connection, that it has recently been discovered that some heavy gun contracts have been made, the time of delivery being as late as 1863. In some cases, parties who contract with the Government also agree to furnish arms to other contractors who have no means to manufacture, and in more than one instance contracts given to gentlemen who know little of guns, have been sold at a handsome profit to private manufacturers and importers. It is not believed that Congress will ratify all these contracts.

"Ought the Union General commanding in South Carolina, out of tenderness to the three hundred thousand traitors and conspirators infesting the soil of that State—who would gladly see that General and all his troops destroyed from the face of the earth—to treat with cool neglect and contemptuous half hostility; the four hundred thousand loyal inhabitants of that State, who ask nothing but to give him aid and comfort in his great enterprise?"

☞ The New York *Herald* says that a National direct tax of one hundred million dollars would only be in the same proportion as New York city has been taxed for several years past.

☞ Col. Ebenezer W. Pierce, the brigadier general of Big Bethel, but now in command of the 20th Massachusetts regiment, has arrived with his command at Newport News.

☞ The work of reducing the number of clerks and employees in the New York Custom House goes on, greatly to the distress of the unlucky ones.

☞ Last Sunday evening there was a shooting affray in a Rochester gambling saloon, and one Samuel Wilby was mortally wounded by a Troy gambler, who made his escape.

THE SIEGE OF LEXINGTON.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due.

Soon after the surrender of Lexington, Col. Peabody, one of the Missouri regiments engaged in the defense of the place, published an elaborate statement over his own signature, which was so at variance with the then popular idea that the Irish Brigade had done all the fighting, that it gained no circulation beyond the St. Louis papers of the day. It should be stated, however, to the lasting honor of Col. Peabody, that although an invalid, he quietly devoted himself to the organization of his regiment; and that his command is now ready, awaiting orders to take the field. Another statement of the circumstances of that siege has now been made over the responsible signature of Henry Parker, M. D., surgeon of the 1st Illinois (Marshall's) cavalry, and as a measure of justice to two thousand troops who have been ignored we are requested to print it, and do so with the assurance that it will be read with interest. The letter is addressed to Hon. Isaac N. Arnold, M. C., and is as follows

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The Tribune.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1862.

(Communicated.)

Congress and the Holidays.

Profound astonishment has been created in the minds of earnest men, that Congress should have suspended business, to go home to spend the holidays, at a time when the life of the nation is trembling in the balance—reeling and staggering under the efforts of cruel and implacable enemies, seeking by every means in their power to overthrow and destroy it—at a time when six hundred thousand brave men were enduring the perils and sufferings of the camp and battle field, and measures to secure their support and efficiency, and the successful termination of this rebellion, remained unprovided. If this nation should perish, and in her ruin our liberties and the principles of free government be struck down, how will this Congress meet its account at the bar of nations and posterity? Nero fiddled while Rome was burning. Shall the historian proclaim to the coming ages that the Congress of the United States feasted and reveled while the Union was sinking in ruin? while an army of more than one hundred thousand men beleaguered the capital, almost in sight of its dome? As soon should we expect a son to desert his dying mother, or a husband his wife, in the hour of her agony. Of all the amazing things that will excite the astonishment of posterity, in the conduct of this war, this act of Congress will be the crowning wonder. It is incomprehensible how they could, with the awful responsibilities devolved upon them, abandon their posts, and their country, to pleasure or ceremony—with such an army of their constituents in the field, equipped at such an enormous expense, wasting the substance of the country in its maintenance, at the rate of a million dollars a day, to be reimbursed by taxation, when corruption and peculation are festering and fattening in all the departments of Government, "with none to molest or make them them afraid," and which it was the duty of Congress to detect and punish—while measures vital to the credit and being of the Government required prompt and efficient action.

It can only be accounted for from the fact that it occurred at Washington, where the air is poisonous with a malaria that paralizes action and quenches patriotism, that binds selfishness in the hearts of those who breath it—where the tribunes of the people are prostituted by the minions of slavery and the greed of official smiles and patronage—robbed of their political virtue and manhood, and cowed before the threatening, brazen front of that great CRIME which has so long held the seats of empire there.

This apparent insensibility of Congress to the imminency of the national danger, has sent a thrill of terror to the hearts of the people lest their representatives have ceased the deathly infection which has filled Washington with the hallucination that this war is a mere political contest in which the highest efforts are directed to securing place and plunder for partisans—a campaign in which the articles of war are put aside for *ofttimes* party platforms, and in which rhetoric and the subduing power of money are relied on to conquer our enemies rather than the bayonets and bullets of our soldiers—while they know that their enemies are animated by a hate and malignity as implacable and inexorable as death, and that unless our rulers wake from their delusion, and strike the foe with the hammer of destruction, and quench the rebellion in blood and flames, this great Republic will be broken in pieces by the fragments of belligerent States, and blotted from the family of nations. They know, and Congress knows, that unless this can be made this nation must perish. Unless we have the *will* as well as the *power* to do it, and that promptly,

The Tribune.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1862.

THE CITY.

☞ See advertisement of scholarship for sale in Bryant & Stratton's chain of Commercial Colleges.

COUNTERFEIT COIN.—The city is being flooded with counterfeit dimes and quarters. Business men will do well to be on the look out.

LARCENY OF CLOTHING.—The house of Mr. Andrew Smith, No. 21 West Randolph street, was robbed of clothing to the amount of eight or ten dollars, on Tuesday night, belonging to Messrs. W. Davis and W. Meyer, boarding with him. There is no clue to the depredators.

FEBRUARY MAGAZINES.—The Atlantic, Harper, Godey, Continental and Knickerbocker Magazines for February, and the London Art Journal for January, have been received at McNally & Co.'s, 81 Dearborn street, where subscriptions are still taken to all *three* dollar magazines at $2.95 per year.

HARPER FOR FEBRUARY.—Harper's Magazine, Godey's, Petersons, Ballou's, the Boston, &c., for February; the Pilgrims of Fashion, by Kinehan Cornwallis, and a fresh supply of songs in fanny keys, by Oliver Wendell Holmes, have been received by McNally & Co., 81 Dearborn street.

READINGS AT THE SHERMAN HOUSE.—Professor Siddons arrived at the Sherman House yesterday morning at three o'clock, having been thirty hours on the road from Cleveland, owing to unavoidable delays on the railroad. He will give his promised readings at the Sherman House this evening, commencing precisely at eight o'clock and terminating at half-past nine.

FIRE.—A fire broke out on Tuesday night at eleven o'clock in the blacksmith shop of John Vaugh, on Clark street, between Polk and Taylor streets, which was extinguished without making any considerable damage. The flames were discovered by officer Adolph Miller who gave the alarm and assisted in putting them out. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

MUSTERED IN.—All the members of the Mechanic Fusileer Regiment, lately confined in the cells at the Armory, on a disorderly charge and for refusing to go into the service as common infantry, with the exception of a few who are to be sent to St. Louis for Court Martial, returned to Camp Douglas yesterday and were duly mustered in as a regiment by Lieut. Christopher. The command numbers about 800 men.

A MUCH NEEDED ORDER—SOLDIERS TAKE NOTICE.—The frequent arrests by the city authorities of soldiers from Camp Douglas, who have got upon a spree, and over-stayed the time allowed them to remain in the city on a furlough for a few hours, have induced Colonel Tucker to call upon the Police Department to arrest and place in confinement all members of regiments now in quarters at Camp Douglas, unable to show passes, the time of which has not expired. Orders have therefore been given by Superintendent C. P. Bradley to his patrolmen to that effect, and it is to be hoped that hereafter we shall hear of less drunken brawls, and less numerous daily delegations of the volunteers at the bar of the Police Court.

WAR AND RAILROAD MAPS.—In these warlike times it stands every man in hand to keep himself well posted as to the topography of the country. Such information may only be obtained by extensive travel and actual observation, and the careful study of accurate maps and statistical tables. In this connection we may mention that F. A. Thomas has lately succeeded Mr. J. H. Johnson, so long known as a dealer in war and railroad maps, paper, envelopes, pencils etc., at the corner of State and Randolph streets. He supplies agents and canvassers with anything needed in their line at the lowest wholesale prices His inducements to persons desiring to enter the business of agents or canvassers are not to be surpassed by any other house of the kind in the city.

A NEW WEAPON.—We have been shown a new military weapon, the invention of D. A Courter of Beloit, Wisconsin, which promises to be very serviceable and valuable. It consists of a sword and pistol combined. The hilt is like that of the ordinary sword, with guards protecting the hand. The front guard is of a rectangular form and hollow, into which slides a magazine containing five charges. The lock is very simple and is contained entirely within the hilt. The pistol barrel lies directly in front of the guard, and is fired upon the back of the blade. When the hammer is raised the magazine slides up, bringing each charge successively opposite the barrel to be discharged. Any required number of these magazines may be provided which may be loaded at leisure, and the empty one can be replaced by one charged in a few seconds of time.

Gen. Lane examined it yesterday at the Tremont House, and was highly pleased with it. He has also recommended it in strong terms to the attention of Brig. Gen. Ripley, chief of the ordnance department, in a letter which we have seen. Several members of Gen. Lane's staff, and other officers present also examined it and expressed their approval.

AN INSANE MAN.—A case was yesterday brought before Judge J. B. Bradwell of the County Court, in which an examination was asked, into the mental condition of one Richard Webster, a resident of the North Division. The cause was commenced upon the affidavit of Joseph Henderson, who deposed that he believed the said Webster was of unsound mind, and a suitable person to recommend as an inmate of the State Insane Asylum at Jacksonville. A jury consisting of Messrs. Dr. N. B. Peterson, E. L. O'Hara, Wm. B. Ogle, Nicholas Barrett, Charles Peacock, George K. Gerts, D. L. Jacobus, P. H. S. Vandervoort, T. Adams, Wm. Fessenden, David Sanlpaugh, and J. S. Fierston, was called, and the testimony of Drs. Bray, Brainard and Max-Myers taken. The jury retired and in a few moments brought in a verdict setting forth substantially, that Mr. Webster was as set forth, a fit person for confinement in the lunatic asylum; that his age was fifty-five; for ten weeks he had been insane, and that the disease inducing lunacy had undoubtedly resulted from excessive intemperance. Insanity is not hereditary in the patient's family and he is not a temper, having lately been engaged in business in the North Division.

A DISCONSOLATE BUT PERSISTENT LOVER.—Some two weeks since one Julius Lansberg, the lover of a young woman by the name of Emma, residing as a domestic in the family of J. E. Goodrich, Esq., No. 247 North LaSalle street, was discarded by his sweetheart and ordered by the proprietor of the house to consider his absence better than his company in that particular domicil forever thereafter. But the Romeo of this little drama was not thus to be cast off. He returned repeatedly to treat his eyes upon the form of his adored Emma. As a consequence, he was sent away somewhat forcibly. On Tuesday night of last week the girl retired to her couch to sleep, "perchance to dream" of some other than the unfortunate suitor for her hand. It was the witching hour of night," "just ayant the twal." She had but partially disrobed herself when she caught a glimpse of a human figure beneath her bed. She threw up her hands, threw open the chamber door, threw all the strength of her body into her lungs and cried," Murder!" "Help!" "Murder!" It was assuredly a pleasant sound with which to awaken a man calmly sleeping in his bed. It thus struck Mr. Goodrich. He got up, looked for a weapon, and seeing nothing but the iron tongs, seized them and ran to the scene of uproar.

By the time the man had crawled from beneath the bed and was passing out of the house when discovered as the old-time lover of the fair domicile. The brute host pursued, overtook, and by one full blow with the tongs would have demolished Mr. Lansberg, had not the hostess begged that blood should not be spilled upon her new carpet. That Brussells saved the life of the disconsolate and forsaken lover; he left the place; he ran to his lodgings and hid his grief and shame in the coverlids of his single bachelor-bed.

This midnight entree of his house was a little more than Mr. G. had bargained for when the match between Emma and Lansberg was broken off. He accordingly had a warrant issued for the young man, charging him with disorderly conduct, on which, after several delays, he was tried before Justice Darla yesterday.

This great should prove a solemn warning to all heart-broken lovers, whose dulcinas have discarded them, not to force their way into the said ladies' presence in supremely ways, except at the risk of their lives and the loss of their precious reputations.

GEN. LANE IN CHICAGO.

THE GEN. MAKES A SPEECH.

SERENADE BY THE ELLSWORTH ZOUAVES.

SCENES AT THE TREMONT HOUSE.

The announcement of the arrival of Gen. Lane was the signal for an immense assemblage at the Tremont House yesterday, which continued from an early hour in the morning until late into the night. An almost endless procession of our citizens streamed in and out of the Tremont, eager to see the rebellion-crusher, and to pay him their respects personally. The General received the crowd in the best of spirits, and gave free utterance to his views, which were heartily and almost unanimously endorsed. Although he has accomplished the work of a giant within the past few weeks, he still appears rugged and as indefatigable as ever, and received the warm encouragement and co-operation of our citizens with lively and genuine expressions of gratitude. Mrs. Lane, who follows her distinguished husband's fortunes through evil and good report, also received a large number of calls from the ladies of the city. She is thoroughly imbued with the views of the General, and well fills the position of a sympathizer and adviser. Many of the members of his staff arrived during the day and were waited upon by military officers both from this city and abroad.

AT CAMP DOUGLAS.

During the forenoon the General rode to Camp Douglas, and attended by Col. Tucker and other officers, made a thorough inspection of the Camp and of the various regiments quartered there. After the inspection, he expressed his desire to see the Mechanic Fusileers. In accordance with the request, the regiment was drawn up in line in front of the headquarters, and the General addressed them, complimenting them highly upon their appearance. He expressed to them his ardent desire that they should accompany him upon his expedition, and urged them to settle their differences and muster in, explaining to them the propositions of the War Department and the character of their peculiar service. He fully expounded his own views of the nature of the war and the manner in which he proposed to carry on his own share of it. The General was heartily applauded by the regiment, and his address had a most happy and conciliatory effect upon the men.

SPEECH AT THE TREMONT HOUSE.

Upon the General's return from camp to the Tremont House, he found an immense throng of people, both civilians from all ranks of the people and military men of every class, in waiting. Renewed presentations and hand shakings occurred and reiterated expressions of his views, which met with hearty coincidence, and men congratulated each other that at last the hour and the man had come to solve the problem of the rebellion. Republicans, Abolitionists and Old Line Democrats, heartily assented to his views and gave him a warm and oftentimes unexpected encouragement.

After supper and during the evening, the crowd continually increased in numbers until the spacious halls and parlors of the Tremont were filled almost to suffocation. In such a dense assemblage, not one in fifty was able to see the General, much less to speak to him, and the unanimous desire to hear him culminated in an imperative and unmistakable call for a speech. Although he had determined to make no speeches, he finally yielded to the general wish and mounted an extempore stand, amid the hearty and loud applause of the crowd.

The General expressed his profound gratitude for the reception and the ardor and enthusiasm manifested. However much he might be delighted, he appreciated the fact that this enthusiasm was not on account of Jim Lane, but the fact that Jim Lane was the advocate of crushing out this rebellion so that we should never have another.

The uppermost fact in every loyal man's mind was that this rebellion must be crushed and the sooner we did it the better. Every loyal man present who was unwilling to lay down his own life, and sacrifice even his own family to accomplish this result. There was no reason on earth why we should trifle any longer, but that, demanding that the rebellion must be put down so as to stay down. The curse of slavery has been agitated long enough, and it must now be finally settled. For eight long months the North has been contending against the rebels, and what have we got to show for it? What concession, to the people of the rebellion, what advantages obtained? For eight long months the Government has been prosecuting this war so as to hurt nobody. It is time some one was hurt. We were willing enough to kill white men in the South and to allow them to be killed in the North but we were afraid of committing sacrilege if we touched the sacred negro. [Cries of "that's so."] Yes, afraid to touch the sacred negro who has deserted his master in the field. But let me tell you the Government has got over this notion, the people have got over it, and I think I can certify that this crowd have got over it. [Applause and cries of "yes, we have."] We have been permitted to discuss all questions human and divine, all questions of society, of morals and religion, to canvass the character of God and the nature of his laws, but have been forbidden to say a word about the viper which has stung us in our bosoms.

It is no time for talking now, but for action. We have consumed eight months in inactivity, have wasted three hundred millions of dollars and sacrificed thousands of our brave men, returned this country upside down in our intense endeavors to put down this infernal rebellion and save slavery. I tell you it can't be done, and the Government has come to that conclusion. Let me tell you, confidentially, that on Monday last they opened a new set of books and came to the conclusion that if the Union armies of California, and Oregon saved, then down goes slavery. The rebels have either got to submit, to die or to run away. Let me tell you, the time to come sympathy must stop. The rebels must submit or be sent down forthwith to that hell already yawning to receive them.

The above declamation was effected by a compromise. The radical men agreed that the conservative men should carry on the war according to their notions, for eight months, and then it was allowed that it was high time. The time is up for the conservatives, and they now hand the war and its conduct over to the radicals, and every conservative man should now extend the same encouragement and support which we gave to them in the prosecution of their method.

There are in the South 280,000 strong and loyal male slaves who have fed and clothed the rebel army and have as good as fought upon their side. Government now proposes that these loyal slaves shall feed and clothe our army and fight upon our side. The other day while I was talking with the President, Old Abe said to me, "Lane, how many black men do you want to have to take care of your army?" I told him as my army would number 50,000 I proposed to have thirty-four thousand contrabands in addition to my teamsters and wagon-masters. I consider every one of my soldiers engaged in this glorious Crusade of Freedom a light artist and entitled to his squire to prepare his food, black his boots, load his gun and take off his drudgery. Vanity and pride are necessary adjuncts of the soldier, and I propose to lower the pride of menial offices, nor compel him to perform the duties of the slave. So, while I shall elevate the slave by giving him his freedom and making a man of him, I shall also elevate the soldier and leave him no work to do but fighting. [*A voice in the crowd*—"What are you going to do with the niggers?"]

The General, singling out the owner of the voice, and pointing his long finger at him, replied: "Ah, my friend, you are just the man I have been looking for. I will tell you what I am going to do with them. I am going to plant them on the soil of the gulf coast, after we have got through this war, let them stay there and cultivate the land; have government extend a protection to them, as it does to the Indians, and send superintendents and governors among them and pay them wages for their labor. Those who have been compelled to live between black and white labor." He believed whether the rebels liked the idea or not, that the blacks at no distant day would have possession of that land. The most valuable time of the year is the spring, and physically conditioned. He proposed to establish free State governments as he went along, and he could promise his hearers either he or the rebels would be cleaned out.

After urging the benefit of a vigorous prosecution of the war, the General closed by again thanking the crowd for the handsome reception, and retired to the parlors amid most enthusiastic applause, where he was soon engaged in more presentations.

THE SERENADE.

But a few minutes elapsed and the sound of martial music was heard, announcing the arrival of the Ellsworth Zouaves, Capt. Brant. Preceded by the Light Guard Band, they drew up in line facing the Lake street front of the Tremont, and the band played several patriotic airs in most excellent style. An immense crowd thronged the street and sidewalks and loudly called for the General. The latter, who had imagined himself freed from speech-making for the rest of the evening, in vain attempted to ignore the call and satisfy the crowd by appearing upon the balcony. His appearance was only the signal for renewed and importune demands for a speech. The General finally yielded and spoke very briefly, thanking the crowd for their kindness. He said it was not a time for speeches nor the issuance of proclamations. He would let his acts do the speaking. He would do his talking after he got through fighting. He had no presentiments that he should die, and after the war was over, he would come back to Chicago and they would interchange mutual congratulations. If they received any report from him during his absence it would be either *Jim.* Lane has cleaned out the rebels or they have cleaned him out. After again thanking the crowd and bidding them good night, the speaker retired. The serenade was a very pleasant occasion and was most happily managed by the Zouaves, who, after giving nine cheers and a tiger for the General, marched to their armory in splendid style.

GEN. LEWIS'S FORCES.

The exact time of Gen. Lane's departure is uncertain; but it is possible that he may leave this noon by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, in a special train. The larger part of his staff has arrived, and will leave with him. Which of the regiments at Camp Douglas will accompany him is uncertain. The Mechanic Fusileers have received their orders from General Hallock to report at Leavenworth, but we are informed that none of the other regiments have as yet received orders. Col. Bell's regiment it is expected, however, will join the expedition. The desire of participating in this forward movement is universal, and tenders of cavalry and infantry regiments are pouring in from every part of the country, especially from Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Prominent officers have even designated their willingness to go as privates, such is the intense desire to be sharers in the Great Expedition and its glorious results.

ARRIVAL OF THE NINTH WISCONSIN.

A REGIMENT OF GERMANS.

Its Organization, Equipment and Destination.

At five o'clock last evening, the Ninth regiment of the Wisconsin State Volunteers reached this city from Milwaukee, by the Milwaukee and Chicago Railroad, *en route* for Fort Leavenworth. By orders lately received from the War Department, this regiment have been required to report themselves to Gen. Lane at Fort Leavenworth. It is composed of Germans entirely, and has been encamped at Camp Sigel, on the Lake shore a short distance north of Milwaukee, since the 25th of September, at which time regimental organization was effected.

They left Milwaukee at 12 o'clock, escorted to the cars by the Milwaukee Light Guards, the entire cavalry regiment of Colonel Washburne, encamped at that point, and a large number of citizens on horseback. The turnout of citizens is said to have been the largest and most imposing of any similar demonstration at that locality since the departure of the first troops from Wisconsin. It is estimated that twenty thousand persons accompanied them to the depot. Two special trains were required to transport them—one consisting of eleven coaches, and the other of ten.

The regiment numbers 950 men, rank and file, and were mustered into the United States service in November by Capt. Trowbridge, the mustering officer detached from the Sixteenth United States Infantry. On Friday last they were paid off, requiring the disbursement at the hands of the Paymaster of over $50,000. These payments were made in Treasury notes mostly, only $2,000 in gold being used. Of the amount paid, over $30,000 was left at home for the support of their families. In one instance a private receiving $51, left $50 for his wife, retaining but a single dollar for his individual use. The men are strong, athletic, and above the average of regiments in intelligence and discipline. They are well clothed, and armed with Belgian and French rifles of the Minie pattern, and under the instruction and command of their officers, nearly all of whom have seen service at home and abroad, will work no disgrace to their adopted State and country. The principal share of the men were recruited in Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Green counties—though Lacrosse and Dane contributed liberally to fill up the regiment.

Col. Salomon, the officer in command, was in the three months' service, and held the position of Captain in a company raised in St. Louis, and attached to Sigel's Brigade. He participated honorably in the battles of Carthage and Wilson's Creek, Missouri, and accompanied Sigel in his masterly retreat on that occasion. On the expiration of his term of service, he was requested by the Governor of Wisconsin to undertake the raising of this regiment, and with the advice and express promise of Gen. Fremont, then commanding the Department of the West, that the regiment should be attached to Sigel's Brigade, consented. The removal of Gen. Fremont rendered this promise no longer binding, and the regiment have acquiesced in their transfer to the Brigade of Gen. Lane. Lieut. Col. Count Gertz Wrisberg served for fourteen years in the Prussian service as Aid-de-Camp to a General of Division. Major Henry Orff was a Captain in the Bavarian army, and has served there and elsewhere with distinction. Arthur Jacoby, the Adjutant, was also a Captain in the Prussian service. Quartermaster Wm. Finkler, occupied the post of Lieutenant in the army of the Duke of Nassau, and since his residence in Milwaukee, has been connected with the well known banking house of Townsend, Finkler & Co. Dr. Naumann is an old resident, and a well known physician of Milwaukee, who brings to the discharge of the duties of his responsible position as surgeon of the regiment, an excellent reputation as a man and as a physician. His former residence in Germany was Saxonia. Dr. Coehr emigrated from Brunswick, and Dr. Hasse from Prussia. It will thus be seen that the line officers, though of the general Teutonic stock, represent almost every phase of German nationality.

The regiment arrived in Chicago, as before stated, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and, preceded by the Light Guard Band, marched to the depot of the St. Louis and Chicago railroad, whither they left for Quincy last evening at ten o'clock.

Through the attention of the managers of that road, the officers were regaled with a sumptuous dinner at the Tremont House, and an abundance of coffee and refreshments furnished the men. The following is the regimental roster:

COLONEL—F. Salomon.
LIEUT. COLONEL—Count Gertz Wrisberg.
MAJOR—Henry Orff.
ADJUTANT—Arthur Jacoby.
QUARTERMASTER—Wm. Finkler.
SURGEON—Hermann Nauman.
1ST. ASST. SURGEON—Christ. Loehr.
2D. do. —Herman Hasse.

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF.

SERGEANT MAJOR—B. Hatfell.
QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT—Chas. Wendt.
HOSPITAL STEWARD—Dr. Bruns.
BAND LEADER—N. Lawies.
DRUM MAJOR—John Wilde.

COMPANIES.

COMPANY A—Capt. Aude, 1st Lieut. Blockie, 2d Lieut. Stocks.
COMPANY B—Capt. F. Bocker, 1st Lieut. Dunke, 2d Lieut. Hugo Kock.
COMPANY C—Capt. George Schout, 1st Lieut. Abentson, 2d Lieut. Chas. Franz.
COMPANY D—Capt. Bachaman, 1st Lieut. Wm. Bond, 2d Lieut. Henry Bond.
COMPANY E—Capt. Herman Schendler, 1st Lieut. Brunker, 2nd Lieut. Max Weber.
COMPANY F—Capt. Hoffmeister, 1st Lieut. Alfred Dasethley, 2nd Lieut. John Gerber.
COMPANY G—Capt. Hattert, 1st Lieut. Markoff, 2nd Lieut. Mueller.
COMPANY H—Capt. Gampf Hesse, 1st Lieut. Mehlmer, 2nd Lieut. Kruer.
COMPANY I—Capt. Speith, 1st Lieut. Wiesner, 2nd Lieut. Wm. Schulte.
COMPANY K—Capt. Deletz, 1st Lieut. Rueger, 2nd Lieut. Otto Serating.

Meeting of Shipwrights.

At a meeting of the shipwrights held at the office of Messrs. Doolittle and Olcott, Jan. 22d, 1862, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The journeymen ship carpenters and caulkers of this city have formed themselves into a body by association to make and enforce upon master shipbuilders that we have found by experience to be detrimental to the best interests of our employers, and especially to ourselves, by causing frequent delays in building and repairing the property of the former, placing us in embarassing positions and consequent valuable time of the latter disposed portion of mechanics numerated in the latter, by frequent and almost continuous strikes for wages, rules and regulations, therefore,

Resolved, That we will employ such mechanics and laborers as will be compatible with the interests of vessel owners, and guarantee them and all others employing us who may work with them, employment, any rules to the contrary not withstanding, and we will maintain our right under the circumstances to have and to hold full control of our business.

HELLER BROS & CLARK,
D. W. BARTA,
DOOLITTLE & OLCOTT,
EDWARD O. GLOOD,
DAN EVERSON.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—*Before Judge Drummond.*—No. 460—Samuel C. Davis vs. Chas. L. Hoyt. Verdict for defendant. Plaintiff moves for a new trial; No. 665—Jacob O. Joyce et al. vs. Oliver Gill & Co. Defendant moved for a new trial. No. 670—Samuel Crawford et al. vs. Wm. P. Newhouse. Issue and judgment for plaintiff. No. 627—Wm. Ogden et al. vs. Wm. Hoffman et al. Same as above. No. 675—John Francis vs. Henry L. Buel. Same as above. No. 677—Edey Meier et al. vs. J. M. Richardson et al. Judgment for plaintiff. No. 687—Samuel P. Bennett et al. vs. Wm. P. Allen et al. Judgment for the plaintiff. No. 689—Frederick Goetz et al. vs. Carl C. Buel. Judgment for plaintiff. No. 690—Andrew F. Conant et al. vs. H. Buel et al. Judgment for plaintiff. No. 694—Worcester Bank vs. Marine Bank of Chicago. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs. No. 696—S. C. Davis vs. Sandy Hutton. Issue and judgment. No. 701—S. S. Chapel et al. vs. A. B. Hall et al. Issue for the plaintiff. Judgment for $1,889.12. No. 702—H. Buel et al. vs. Uri. Osgood. Judgment by default day of the term. No. 703—J. S. Dickinson et al. vs. A. M. Lawyer. Judgment for plaintiff for $1,000. No. 709—Phelps et al. vs. Wm. Johnson et al. Default of defendants. No. 720—Jacob Edwards et al. vs. H. Buel et al. Issue for the plaintiff. Judgment for $4,508.25. No. 729—Wm. Rosford. Judgment reported $300. No. 730—Potter vs. Lyman. Judgment for plaintiff for $500. No. 731—Thomas Hall et al. vs. Wm. Ogden et al. Judgment for amount of note and interest. No. 732—Jacob Edwards et al. vs. Wm. Hoffman et al. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs. No. 733—S. C. Davis vs. A. Vane et al. Judgment for plaintiff for $504 10. No. 705—J. Simpson et al vs. W. Seem. Issue and judgment for plaintiff for $798 25. No. 706—Bailey et al vs. C. Brown et al. Issue and judgment for plaintiff for $798 25. No. 707—Same vs. Same. Same as above. No. 708—Same vs. Same. Same as above. No. 710—Same vs. Same. Same as above. No. 711—Same vs. Same. 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☞ Yankee Card Writer's office at Sherman and Tremont House. Mail 4 stamps for samples of wedding and visiting. ja21-51.

☞ Go to Boyd's Exchange Office when you have business with a Broker. He pays the best rate for all uncurrent money. Sells Specie and Exchange as low as any house, and gives entire satisfaction to all who patronize him. Office, No. 88 South Clark street, (adjoining the bank of C. B. Hair.) Entrance at the iron steps south end of the building. ja7-1m

☞ Go to John Jones, 119 Dearborn-st., and get your clothes cleaned and repaired. nov13

Call on Dunlop, Sewell & Spalding for Printing. nov11-1y222-1y

☞ Apply at the TRIBUNE Job Room. If you want job-printing done quickly, well and cheaply. dec18-tf

☞ Cook & McLean, 93 Dearborn street, have made their price for cleaning and dying Gents' garments less than any other house in the city. dec25-1y

DIED.

In this city, Jan. 22d, LUCY S. HOLOSON, eldest daughter of C. B. H. and Rosetta Holoson.
The friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral from the Tremont House, at 2½ o'clock this afterno

Amusements

McVICKER'S THEA
Monday evening, January 20, 1862,
Triumphant success of the young and talented
J. WILKES BOOTH
Who has been received with UNIVERSAL AP
THIS EVENING (Monday), Jan. 20, will be presented
ROMEO AND JULIET
Romeo, Mr. Booth. | Mercutio,
Juliet, Miss J. Rosmer. | Peter,
GRAND DANCE, Miss Jessie
To conclude with the brilliant Farce of
LOVE AND MURDER.
John Baxter,
Friday—BENEFIT OF MR. BOOTH.
IF In answer to the numerous
Booth to appear as HAMLET, the M
that the piece is in preparation, and will be
next week in a manner worthy
ing its every respect the well-merited
two years since, with the accompaniment of

METROPOLITAN HA
Thursday Evening, Jan. 23d,
PROF. O. S. FOWL
WILL LECTURE ON
"Man's Capacity for Self-Improve
To commence at IX o'clock, and close with
EXAMINATION.
Admission.....15 Cents.
Professional Examinations daily at No.

BRYAN HALL
Metamorphosed into a Psychomatic
On Monday Evening, Jan. 27th,
And following Evenings of the Week
EXTRAORDINARY EVE
First appearance in Chicago of that Great Ar
PROF. ANDERSO
The World-Renowned and Greatly Colle
Ambidextrous Prestidigita
THE FAMOUS MAGICIAN, ILLUSIONIS
PRESTIDITATOR, PHYSICIST AND TRAVE
And the only artist in the profession
performs with the entire ABSENCE OF ANY A
and who can absolutely say to his audience
tions of the Mechanism of Magic under
which could SHOW.
A FEW FACTS RELATIVE TO THIS EXTRAOR
ENTERTAINMENT.
exceptional; it has gone the wide world round
with the same enthusiastic ardor the same compl
the same proportion.
economist, not appealing to the nation or coun
pay postage on all their exchanges after the
the law goes into effect. This will be felt
a severe tax on all but the leading city
papers. One effect will be to reduce the
exchanges each office takes. What will be
saved in this retrenchment, will, to some
extent, pay the postage on the residue.
the Post-office Department will gain a few
thousand dollars by the repeal of the priv
age at the expense of the editors. We
are willing to stand our part of the contri
tion for the sake of the general princi

Another effect of the passage of the bill
to abolish the provision of the present
allowing weekly papers to pass through
mails *free* within the county in which
are published. Publishers of weekly
will not relish this very well, nor
their subscribers, who for ten years
have received their county papers free
postage. But as the postage to be
charged is only twenty-six cents per year,
will if paid quarterly in advance, one-half
that sum, the new arrangement will not
prove very oppressive to subscribers or in
jurious to publishers.
The amount to be realized in
United States to the Post Of
Department, from these sources,
will be something like $200,000,
after deducting the commissions paid to
masters. Not a very great sum, but
enough to vindicate the general prin
ple that all matter, printed or written,
going through the mails should pay *some*
tage.
Under the present law, postmasters whose
missions amount to less than $200 per
num are allowed to receive and send all
ir letters free of postage. The bill which
passed the House abolishes this privi
ge. As there are not far from 15,000
stmasters who enjoy this franking privi
ge, the amount that the Department will
se from its abolition must be very con
erable. The postmasters who will be
prived of free postage will be reimbursed
commissions on weekly papers which
y are now obliged to deliver and handle
nothing, so that in the end they will be
de whole. What they lose on paying
ir postage,

CAMERON'S RESIGNATION.
The country has assurances in the ap
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fice, that the jobbing and corruption that
ve disgraced the organization of our
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grantly disreputable in the eyes of
pation. He is a man of great wealth—
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lvania for years, who made him twice a
nator, who supported him for the Presi
ncy in the Chicago Convention, who put
into the Cabinet, and who fed him with
belief that the object of his ambition
pended upon their arts, intrigues and
nuasive influences for consummation,—
se men were not so easily disposed of;
after brief resistance, he fell back into
ir keeping; and Pennsylvania morality
d Pennsylvania politicians once more
ed the roost.
Aside from the unfortunate influences
which Mr. Cameron surrendered, he was
ll fitted for his place. If he had not
t grasp of mind, he had experience in
irs. If he lacked the highest qualities
statesman, he had wide knowledge of
; and as his Department was one of
siness merely, he might have filled it
h credit to himself and infinite profit to
nation. His views of the war were,
ugh much opposed and misrepresented,
ently praiseworthy and just. He saw
the contest, what all dispassionate men
st see, the rebellion of a property inter
in the shape of a consolidated despot
animated by the greed of wealth and
power, rather than a revolt of a number
persons against the Government; and
was convinced by a grouping of the
ts, to which his official position gave
m access, that to conquer a peace which
uld be beneficent and permanent,
Federal power would be compelled not
ly to strike the rebels themselves, but to
aken, if not destroy, the motive which
pelled them to arms. In carrying out
theory, he proposed nothing violent nor
olutionary—no general scheme of eman
tion, no injury to the interests of loyal
en. He said to the country what we
ve an hundred times said to our readers:
ere are the slaves of rebels—the cause
the war; if they come to us,
se them in any way in which
they may best serve the loyal cause. Let
hem cook, care for baggage, drive teams,
build roads and bridges, act as scouts or
ples, work in the hospitals, or, if neces
ary, bear arms. In no event let this be
war for the conservation of slavery."
is the great misfortune of the country
at this plain, necessary, common-sense
licy, *to which we must at last come*, was
t adopted in the beginning. That it was
, is not Mr. Cameron's fault. He was the
n, above all others in the Cabinet,
favor of rapid and decisive move
t. The six month's delay at Washing
n, or rather that *six month's beleaguerment
of the Capital of the Republic by an inferior
ce*, was no part of his policy—was, in
fact, in opposition to all his wishes and
suggestions. "If the facts of the situation
"do not warrant our fighting here, let us
"muster all our surplus force, and fight
"elsewhere. The battle-field is not half as
"destructive as the inaction of the camp
"and the fever of the hospital." That was
his theory, and he would have acted upon
it, but was overruled; and the nation pays
the bill. A thumping big bill it is!
Thus endeavoring to do Mr. Cameron
justice, we are forced to admit that he has
resigned. Restrained by the Administra
tion, he could not carry out the anti-slavery
policy to which he was committed; and in
the power of friends whom he could not
shake off, he could not or would not stay
the corruption that was outraging the con
science while it was sweeping out the treas
ury of the nation. His successor, whatever
his theoretical notions, cannot do less than
Mr. Cameron was permitted to do in the way
of making the contest earnest and deci
sive; but, in the matter of money, we
know that he has that entire freedom from
disreputable complications with political
and army jackals, which, with his industry
and administrative ability, will enable him
to manage his Departm nt economically
and with an eye only to the purpose for
which it was created. He is known to be
honest and capable; time must determine
whether he has that broad and comprehen
sive patriotism which will impel him to at
tack and conquer *all* obstacles that stand
in the way of the unity and indivisibility
of the Republic; or whether his allegiance
is divided between his country and the
worst of its institutions. If the latter, God
help us!

THE TRUE FINANCIAL POLICY.
There never was a time in which all the
conditions were so favorable for introduc
ing a reform in our iniquitous and absurd
paper money system, as they are to-day.
The banks, in a state of suspension, have
broken their faith with the public, and
broken the laws by which they were cre
ated. They cannot ask, they cannot ex
pect, and they ought not to have, any
favor at the hands of the people who hold
their unredeemed and irredeemable promi
ses to pay. Needed legislation should
not be delayed by any regard for
their interests; and as experience has
proved that they are no part of the neces
sary machinery of government or com
merce, our representatives at Washington
should sacrifice nothing to insure their
present profit and convenience, or their ex
istence after the war. They may be dis
posed of as useless lumber, and their suc
cessors can, in a day, step in and take
the place that they have attempted to fill.
"But," asks one to whom the proposi
tion to do without banks of issue in this
"currency" cursed country is as mon
strous as would be the wish to strike the
Book of Matthew out of the New Testa
ment, "what is your objection to bank pa
per, and how do you propose so readily to
reverse the usage of generations, and, with
out injury to all material interests, effect so
radical a revolution in the finances of the
country?"
We answer: Banks of issue have assum
ed and exercised for their own profit, an
important part of the sovereignty of the
Republic—the right to furnish the people
with their money, or a substitute therefor.
In seeking their own advantage, they make
money plenty to-day and scarce to-morrow.
Their excessive issues stimulate importa
tions, discourage home production, increase
prices, cause an export of gold, and fill
every man with the fever of speculation.
Thus feeling the business of the country
with brandy, they reach a point in which
the state of the foreign exchanges and the
rapid drain of the precious metals admon
ish them that they must contract to save
themselves from ruin. They refuse loans
and discounts, and call in every available
item of indebtedness. The accustomed
stimulus being thus withdrawn from busi
ness, an attack of *delirium tremens* at once
supervenes. Men are wild and trembling
for want of money. Every man who owes a
dollar directly begins to feel "snakes in his
boots," and to see, glaring at him from the
bed posts as he lies down at night, that old
demon bankruptcy. Business enterprises,
which a redundant currency stimulated, re
sult in quick and overwhelming disaster.
Prices go down by the run, and with the
rapid decline, ruin comes in. This is a de
scription of the effects of bank paper that
has been realized in this country time and
time again. And the experience of every
man who has got a thimble-full of brains
in his head, will tell him that every word
we say is true. The facts recited are suf
ficient objection to the use of bank paper
as the common currency of the country;
and they have force and weight enough to
damn any system that was ever invented.
"But what would you do?" continues
our interrogator. Why this: We would
have Congress resume, as fast as safety will
permit, the sole exercise of the sovereign
right to make the money of the country,
which the Constitution intended never
should be given up. We would,
I. Levy a Federal tax of *ten per cent.* on
every bank note of the denomination of
one, two, or three dollars, found in circula
tion on the first day of May next. The tax
should be collected of the banks issuing
these notes; and the penalties for false re
turns should be such that there will be no
dodging.
II. Levy a like tax of *ten per cent.* on
all notes of five dollars and upward to
twenty, in circulation on the first day of
August next.
By these taxes, if faithfully levied and
carefully collected, we should expect to
drive every one of the notes described out
of the channels of trade, to restore fifty
millions of specie to the hands of the peo
ple whence these shin-plasters have driven
it; and to substitute Government paper—
exchequer bills—interest paying treasury
notes—as good as the Republic itself—for
the private and corporate promises to pay,
which now usurp the place of money.
III. Levy a prohibitive tax on all bank
notes of whatever denomination in circula
tion on the first day of January, 1863.
A year would suffice for every solvent
bank in America to retire its circulation,
and as the country is not yet prepared for
an exclusive metallic currency, everybody
would be glad to see, as a bank dollar went
out, a Government dollar come in, until
the substitution is complete.
"But," says an objector, "you have noth
ing but a paper currency yet!" True, but
it is a currency the volume of which will
be fixed by positive law, and not liable to
change to suit the convenience or minister
to the greed of individuals. It will be of
uniform value—as good in Texas and Cali
fornia as in Massachusetts and Illinois. It
will rest upon the faith of our Government,
and not upon the honesty or business qual
ifications of a board of directors. It will
be the currency of the people, in which
every man owns a share; and every man's
interest will be promoted by keeping it
good. It will remove, if not all, the most
formidable, at least, of the objections to pa
per currency; and though, by its use, a
tariff would be a necessity, by reason of the
continuance of prices above the metallic
standard, the business of the country, sure
of stability and relieved of the apprehen
sion of frequent revulsions, would readily
accommodate and adjust itself to the
change.
After the war is over and the precious
metals, now locked up, are released, and
their quantity is increased by the products
of our mines, which, up to this time, bank
paper has made a curse to the country, and
by the natural operations of commerce, un
disturbed by fluctuations of currency, a
further reform might be effected, and, after
ten years or more, a pure, constitutional,
metallic currency might be attained, the
use of which, would, in a single half cen
tury, make the United States the pivotal
centre of the commerce of the world, and
the richest and most powerful nation under
the sun. So much for general results.
While these were being attained, we
should be sure that the war for the Union
would be a success, and that there would
be no difficulty, with activity on the part of
our torpid generals and common prudence
at Washington, in procuring from the peo
ple the means for carrying it on. Pursu
ing such a policy, we should have no ap
prehension of the currency inflation, by
piling hundreds of millions of Government
paper upon hundreds of millions of bank
paper, which now threatens the country
with inconceivable disasters. We should
know that the great national debt, which
is now the bug-bear of the journals, would
be kept within payable proportions,
because prices being held down by
a near adherence to a specie standard, the
war could be economically brought to an
end. We might depend upon the fact,
that, without foreign complications, our
industry and commerce would continue to
yield their accustomed returns; and that,
at the close of the contest, we should
emerge from the dust and smoke, prepared
by the condition of our finances to start at
once upon a career of prosperity unequalled
by anything that the world has ever known.
Such, we believe, would be the immedi
ate and ultimate fruits of a little wise and
much needed legislation. But we have no
hope that that Congress of lawyers, whose
ideas of Political Economy extend no
further than the borrowing of money to de
fray election expenses, can be persuaded
into the adoption of a policy that promises
so much. They can make speeches, and
—that's all!

SHERMAN'S RETRENCHMENT BILL.
We print elsewhere the bill introduced
into the Senate by Senator John Sherman,
reducing and regulating the pay of officers
in the army; the number and compensa
tion of clerks employed by Congress, and
the mileage of the members. The to
tal saving effected to the Treasury by
this bill, amounts to several millions per
annum. There is room for retrenchment not
only in the pay of officers, but every depart
ment of the army. The aggregate expense of
our military service could safely be reduced
one-fourth to one-third without impairing
its efficiency. The whole system by which
supplies are procured for the army and
navy is wrong and corrupt. Speculators
go to Washington and hang around the
bar-rooms and departments, engineering
and log-rolling for contracts and jobs.
Oldey and more experienced lobby vultures
act as contract brokers, and sell their "influ
ence" with this or that Secretary or Bu
reau of Secretary, and procure contracts
on commission. Unlawful gains in the
shape of perquisites are regarded as legiti
mate business transactions. It is stated that
"manufacturers and first-hands visit the
Capital eager to furnish what is wanted at
fair prices, but either go away unsuccessful
because they have not the 'influence'
necessary in order to secure a hearing, or
make a bargain with some go-between who
has the ear of high officials." The result
of all this is, that the Government pays
25 to 50 per cent. more than the fair market
value for nearly everything it buys.
These frauds are practiced not alone in
Washington, but in each military depart
ment, and more or less in each State.
Swindling follows the raising of every regi
ment and troop, and the outfitting of every
vessel in the Government service.
Army transportation is another branch
of the military service which sadly needs
reforming. The cost is one-third to one-
half too much. Millions have been squan
dered in railroad transportation, and other
millions in chartering sail and steam ves
sels. An investigation into this subject
would develope a frightful waste of money.
In respect to the pay of officers, an army
officer of high rank, large experience
and close observation, makes this state
ment:
In his opinion the pay of commissioned officers is
too high, and greatly disproportioned to that of the
rank and file, and on the other hand the pay of non-
commissioned officers is too low and ought to be in-
creased. An Orderly-Sergeant renders more
service at $20 a month than a Lieuten
ant receives at $105; while the Quar
termaster's Sergeant, the hardest worked
man in the regiment, receives but $17. The
duties of Sergeant Major are severe, and $21 is out
of all reason, compared with the pay of a Chap
lain, $166.50! Every such service has a Chaplain
render to a regiment commensurate to his pay!
At the very most, even if a Chaplain does attend
to and discharge the duties he is supposed to, in
his own way, the gospel once a week, and attends
funerals when he is sent, and the weather is not un-
pleasant, does he earn $1,788 a year?"
Let Congress give the contract system a
thorough overhauling, establish respon
sibility and accountability somewhere,
and have a stop put to the present fright
fully loose method of expenditure. Bills
for the reduction of salaries of military and
civilians who render some service, will effect
some relief to the Treasury, but it is a small
fraction that can be saved in that direction,
as compared with what is abstracted by
battalions of sappers and miners, better
known as contractors and peculators. It
is there the axe should be laid unsparingly
to the root of the tree. A twig or branch
may be lopped off to advantage elsewhere,
but the huge leak holes in the Ship-of-State
are made by the remorseless knaves who
fatten on contracts. Senator Hale has in
troduced a bill to reach those villains,
which if enacted, will hugely delight the
honest class of people. One of its sections
reads as follows:
"That any person who, by any false and fraudu
lent practice, device, collusion, contrivance or
representation of any kind whatsoever, shall,
directly or indirectly, procure any money from
the treasury of the United States, or any
person or corporation legally charged with the
collection, custody or disbursement of any part
of the money of the United States, shall pay a fine of
not less than the sum fraudulently obtained, and
be punished by imprisonment, at hard labor, for a
term of not less than one year nor more than ten
years, according to the aggravation of the offence."
Nothing less stringent than the above
will arrest the dishonest greed of the army
jackals. Has Congress the virtue to do
its duty in this hour of National peril
and sore distress?

HOW CONTRACTS ARE MADE.
The speech of Mr. Dawes, of Massachu
setts, in Congress on Wednesday, may be
called astounding. He began by opposing
an appropriation for printing Treasury
notes, and by way of thoroughly ventilat
ing the subject, proceeded to show how
certain other contracts had been made, and
how our Government is persistently swin
dled. A pretty full synopsis of his remarks
will be found in to-day's TRIBUNE.
Since Congress met, in December, a hun
dred millions of dollars have been expend
ed in the war. As Mr. Dawes pertinently
inquired, how long would the amplest
treasury fund be able to meet demands so
eagerly pressed and so lavishly provided
for? It is easy to excuse the exorbitance
of the early contracts in the war, made
when the Capital was beleaguered, and
when all the material of our defence was
be created; but it is not easy to overlook
the carelessness or the dishonesty which
marks the terms of many of which,
months were to elapse before they were
carried out, and at prices which were
shameful, in order that mercenary wretches
might fatten on the life's blood of the na
tion. Let this gorging of plunderers not
only cease, but let them be compelled to
disgorge.

Condition of the Army—The Sanitary Commission's Report.
The late report of the United States San
itary Commission is a document of great inter
est and value. The number of regiments in
spected by this Commission was two hundred,
of which thirty-seven were enlisted in New
England, a large portion in the Middle States,
including Delaware, Maryland and Virginia,
and the balance in the Western States, includ
ing Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas and Nebras
ka. In seventy-six and a half per cent. of the
regiments inspected, native Americans were
found to constitute the majority; in six and a
half per cent. the Germans were in the major
ity; in five and a half per cent. the Irish, and
in five and a half per cent. the number of na
tive and foreign born was about equal. In
fact, the report states emphatically that two-
thirds of the army are American born, and
nine-tenths citizens educated under the laws
of the Union and in the English language.
This, therefore, is strictly a national army,
and chiefly composed of young men, the num
ber of volunteers twenty years old being
double the number at twenty-five, the aver
age being a little below twenty-five, and some
what more than half being under twenty-
three. The officers are older, the average age
being about thirty-four. The eagerness to
get men, too, seems to have united with the
desire of all classes to get into the army, to
cause the service to be filled so loosely, in
defiance of inspection laws, that a considera
ble loss has since been experienced in conse
quence.
It seems that in fifty-eight per cent of those
regiments there had been no pretense of a
thorough inspection of recruits or enlistments,
and in only nine per cent. had there been a
thorough re-inspection on being mustered into
service. Of the whole number discharged
from the service, fully fifty-three per cent. were
on account of disabilities that existed at or be
fore their enlistment, and which any intelli
gent surgeon ought to have discovered on
their inspection as recruits. By this mis
management alone the report estimates that
a million of dollars has been wasted upon the
enlistment, pay, clothing, rations, transporta
tion and medicines of men who were of no use
to the army, and who should have been ex
cluded by the inspection.
The research of the Commission shows that
the volunteers are ready enough to learn the
military duties when properly instructed. The
trouble about the camps generally seems to be like
that about inspection; the volunteer officers
are not rigid enough in their requirements.
As regards the tents, it appears that fifty-
eight per cent. of the regiments had been pro
vided with the wedge tent, ten per cent. with
the wall tent, and nineteen per cent. with the
Sibley tent.
Typhoid fever, from lack of ventilation, oc
curs more frequently among the regiments oc
cupying the wedge tents than those that have the
Sibley, the proportion being 266 to 23. It has
been proved to the satisfaction of the Com
mission that the best bed for soldiers in camp
consists of fir or cedar branches; but it must
be frequently renewed and burned, the tents
struck, and the floor cleansed. Experienced
officers generally object to the board floors,
which are more damp than the ground itself,
besides collecting so much dirt.
On the subject of clothing, the statistics are
very exact. The Commission say that many
deficiencies arise from the fact that the men
had sold, bartered away, or lost their clothing,
and that therefore they were destitute. It
appears from statistics given that the propor
tion of inferior clothing is small. The report
says that these deficiencies have, in nearly ev
ery case, been since supplied; that there are
ample supplies in all the depots, and *never be
fore was so large an army so well furnished at
a similar period of a great war.* Wherever the
men have not been properly supplied, it may
be attributed to the ignorance, carelessness or
utter lethargy of their officers.
The cooking of the volunteers constantly
improves, and the report pronounces it more
wholesome than that which the average of the
men have been subject to before enlistment.
But this benefit is frequently counteracted by
the sutlers and peddlers, who supply the men
with stuff of an unwholesome kind, for
which they charge enormous prices. Fluc
tuations on the sick list have in certain cases
been found to correspond with the facility of
access to this trash. Proper control of the
sutler is scarcely ever maintained in volunteer
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gains exist between them and the officers. In
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ler was allowed to sell liquor, and in most
other cases he smuggled it in. He
spears that the total number of cases under
treatment on the 1st of January in all the hos
pitals, were 5,259. The Commissioners say it
should be remembered that generally it is the
very sick who are sent from the camp and regi
mental hospitals to the general hospitals. Of
the number admitted to the latter, eighty-four
were in a dying condition, and died soon after
wards. This has increased the per centage of
deaths in the general hospitals beyond what
it would otherwise have been. The report
concludes:
It may be added that the Western Sanitary Com
mission is assiduously engaged in collecting all
facts of interest in a sanitary and medical point of
view, which will be duly classified and re-
corded, in a tabular form, for future reference and
use. In addition to giving information and ef
fort to the sick and wounded soldiers of our West
ern army, they design publishing regular monthly
reports of the sanitary condition of the troops in
the hospitals of this city and vicinity. They are
gratified to see the interest which the condition of
the soldier has awakened in the heart of the com
munity, and will be happy to give information to
all who desire it, at the rooms of the Commission,
in the hospital corner of Chestnut and Fifth streets.

Antediluvian Trees.
We saw, a few days since, two remarkable
specimens of petrified trees from Pike's Peak.
They belong to the University of Chicago, and
so far as our knowledge extends, though a
young institution, it has the finest and largest
specimens of the kind in this section with
which we are acquainted. One is lost in his
own thoughts, while attempting to grasp the
vast revolutions which have passed over our
planet since these immense trees grew upon
the mountains, hundreds of ages before Adam
dwelt in the garden of Eden.
While the change to stone is complete the
structure of the wood is as perfectly preserved
as if no change had occurred. The petrified
agent was lime, and it may be seen incrusting
some portions of the surface in white and
blue globules.
From the curvature of the annual rings of
growth, we judge the tree from which these
specimens come to have been at least fourteen
feet in diameter, and their number but three
hundred and six hundred years to grow
to their size. The larger specimen of the two
is over nine feet in circumference at the base,
on which it stands nearly erect, and is five feet
and a half high, and weighs one ton and a half
(3000 pounds.) The other specimen is nearly
as long, weighing half as much, and is nearly
uniform in size from end to end, while the
larger specimen tapers from the base to about
half the size at the top.
The species to which these wonderful speci
mens belong has probably been long extinct,
but they appear to resemble very closely in
every respect the California redwood; and for
a public institution of learning they constitute a most beautiful and lasting monument
of the primeval pre-Adamic forest to which
they belonged. They are well worthy of the
attention of the curious and the scientific.

☞ The Lancers, at Detroit, despite all that has been said about them, seem to be getting along very well. The papers of Tues
day announce that on the day previous two
hundred of the men enlisted came down from
the recruiting rendezvous to have their fine
uniforms and lances, with red and white pen
nons streaming in the wind, presented a de
cidedly gay appearance.

THE LEAD MINE REGIMENT.
On the 25th of November last, we chroni
cled the arrival at the Washburne Lead Mine
Regiment from Galena, and their domicilliation,
after a temporary sojourn at the Wigwam, at
Camp Douglas. To-day we announce their de
parture for Cairo, under orders from the War
Department. Marching orders were received
by Col. Smith, a little more than a week ago,
and officers and men obeyed it with alacrity.
Precisely at 12 o'clock yesterday the line was
formed, and escorted by Col. Brackett's Cav
alry, numbering full 1,150 men; the 51st Reg
iment, Col. Cumming in command, number
ing 900 men; the Faulkner Regiment, led by
Major Wood, numbering 1,000 men; the 57th,
Col. Baldwin commanding, numbering 1,000
men; the Irish Brigade, numbering 400 men,
and Bell's Cavalry Regiment, on foot, number
ing 900 men; the Lead Mine Regiment, num
bering full 1,000 men, rank and file, preceded
by the regimental band, filed through the
gateway of the camp in column and took up
their line of march for the city.
Hooded by their escort, numbering nearly
5,000 men, they marched through the princi
pal streets of the city, and everywhere received
the enthusiastic congratulations of a multi
tude of spectators, who thronged the side
walks and bade the men God speed upon their
patriotic errand. They arrived at the depot
of the Illinois Central Railroad about four
o'clock, and as soon thereafter as the com
mand could be embarked, they were speeding
swiftly to their destination, attended by the
good wishes of the spectators who thronged
the Great Union Depot to witness their depar
ture.
This regiment is completely armed and
equipped in a manner equal, if not superior,
to any regiment in the field from this State,
and as far as experience and discipline are con
cerned, as well as in the matter of equipments,
fully prepared to take the field. They are
well drilled and fully posted in the manual of
arms. They are armed with the Enfield rifle,
with sabre bayonets, the best arm in the ser
vice.
Col. Smith is a man of thorough business
habits, popular with his command, and will
make an excellent commanding officer. Lieu
tenant Colonel Maltby is an officer of experi
ence, having served under Lieutenant General
Scott, throughout the entire Mexican cam
paign with distinction, and one in whom the
entire regiment have unbounded confidence.
Major Smith was an officer in command of a
company at Rockford, drilled by the late Col.
Ellsworth. Adjutant Frohock is the 1st Lieu
tenant of Company A, detached as regimental
adjutant. He served with distinction as or
derly sergeant at Washington during the three
month's campaign.
The Regiment is composed of the original
"Lead Mine Regiment," as organized at
Galena, with the addition of one company de
tached from the Fremont Regiment, and from
the Rock Island Regiment, to fill it to the
maximum required.
The following is the roster of the Regi
ment:

Colonel—JOHN E. SMITH.
Lt. Colonel—Jasper D. Maltby.
Major—M. Smith.
Adjutant—Wm. T. Frohock.
Surgeon—Edward Kitts.
Asst. Surgeon—Francis Weaver.
Quartermaster—H. Woodward.
Chaplain—, Woodward.

COMPANIES.
COMPANY A—Capt. Thomas Musgrove, 1st Lieut. Wm. T. Frohock (detailed as Adjutant), 2d Lieut. George Moore, 100 men.
COMPANY B—Capt. Luther H. Cowen, 1st Lieut. Nesbitt Baugher, 2d Lieut. Samuel H. Townsend. 100 men.
COMPANY C—Capt. Thomas Burns, 1st Lieut. James Bonner, 2d Lieut. John Byrn—100 men.
COMPANY D—Capt. T. S. Thurlow, 1st Lieut. Wm. R. Rowley, 2d Lieut. John O. Diser—100 men.
COMPANY E—Capt. L. B. Fisher, 1st Lieut. Chas. Overturf, 2d Lieut. Alfred Johnson—100 men.
COMPANY F—Capt. Alfred Johnson, 1st Lieut. not chosen, 2d Lieut. Edward Lyons—100 men.
COMPANY G—Capt. Robert P. Seeley, 1st Lieut. not chosen, 2d Lieut. Denals W. Griffin—98 men.
COMPANY H—Capt. John D. Haley, 1st Lieut. Wm. B. Seymour, 2d Lieut. Samuel Lee—100 men.
COMPANY I—Capt. O. A. Bridgeford, 1st Lieut. not chosen, 2d Lieut. Henry H. Moore—90 men.
COMPANY K—Capt. B. F. Holcomb, 1st Lieut. John Gray, 2d Lieut. E. B. Hunt—88 men.

The Strength of the Army.
It is questioned whether the actual number
of Federal troops under arms is not 500,000,
as the reports of the Governors of States would
seem to indicate this number as more correct
than that of 660,000, stated by the Secretary of
War. New York, credited by Mr. Cameron
with 100,200 men, by the report of Governor
Morgan, allowing for discharges, deaths, and
prisoners, has about 80,000. She has 14,500
more yet encamped in the State, however;
to be credited by Mr. Cameron with 81,000;
Governor Dennison says she has furnished
77,844, of which 31,679 are within her own
limits. Pennsylvania is credited with 94,700;
Governor Curtin says her number is 93,577,
not making any allowances for discharges,
deaths, &c., which may reduce the number to
the neighborhood of 80,000. Pennsylvania,
however, has 16,038 yet encamped on her own
soil. Illinois is credited with 80,000, though
the Adjutant General only claims 60,000, which
is 21,500 more than her share of half a million.
Wisconsin is also placed much higher than the
truth. So also of Michigan and Iowa. Mas
sachusetts is set down as having furnished
36,700 volunteers. The Governor shows the
equivalent of about twenty-seven regiments,
and the allowance for losses and discharges
would, therefore, no doubt bring the number
very much below the Secretary's figure. We
have, however, men enough, if properly
moved, to crush out the rebellion speedily.

A New Weapon of Destruction.
There is at present on exhibition and trial
at the Government Arsenal in Washington,
a novel instrument of death, in the shape of a
revolving rifle or cannon. Its construction is
as follows: There are eighteen rifle barrels
placed parallel to and equi-distant from a
centre shaft, with open breech, and revolving
similar to the old Allen revolver. By the ap
plication of a beveled gear, these barrels are
put in motion.
The charge is inserted into the open breech
while passing a small hopper or receptacle at
one side, and opposite the center shaft.
One man turns a crank while other feeds in
the prepared charges, and as each barrel passes
the hammer directly above the centre shaft,
the charge is exploded, and away goes the
Minie ball weighing one and a half ounces on
its mission of destruction. The range of this
gun is two miles, and may be discharged with
ordinary working at the rate of forty balls a
minute. The gun is set to a particular point
and set at work; its range will not vary while
in operation, and the accuracy with which it
sets its projectiles is truly wonderful.
The whole weight of the gun, mounted upon
wheels, is only six hundred pounds, rendering
its management upon the field perfectly easy
either by hand or horse.
Gen. Lane will take two of these revolving
guns with his expedition.
The chief use of the gun will be to work
against artillery; in this capacity it will be an
effective and fearful weapon.

Cairo Contracts.
A special dispatch to the N. Y. *Tribune* says:
Quartermaster-General Meigs has preferred
charges against Capt. Reuben P. Hatch, Assistant
Quartermaster of Volunteers. He is accused of
"conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman,"
in having last December, at Chicago, paid for
250,000 feet of lumber the excessive rate of $10 a
thousand, although he knew that a charge of fraud
in the matter was pending against one Wilcox, his
clerk and agent at the time.
Ten dollars per 1,000 feet was somewhat
above the market price, but it cannot fairly be
called excessive or exorbitant. The rates at
the time were $8 to $9.50 per thousand. We
do not believe that any part of the excess
found its way into Mr. Hatch's pocket, whom
we believe to be an honest man. He may have
made a bad bargain for the Government, but
we are quite confident that he did not obtain
a cent by the transaction.

Health of the Army.
The report of the Medical Board states that
the sanitary condition of the United States
army is, in general, eminently satisfactory. It
declares the fever which has, to a considerable
extent, prevailed in the camps, under the
name of typhoid fever, is evidently of a mala
rious origin, having been most effectually
checked when treated as malarial, with quinine
and mercury. The cases are not what is gen
erally known as typhoid fever in the the
Northern States. The Board suggests the
means of preventing disease of this sort—
namely, sufficient space for quarters; proper
discretion in allotment of time for drill; the
rigid enforcement of cleanliness; and diversion
of the mind by gymnastic and other sports.

Will the Mexicans Resist the Tri-par
tite Invasion?
The *Monitor*, the official organ of President
Juarez, would have the world believe that all
mexico was rallying as one man to resist the
European coalition that has made a lodgment
at Vera Cruz, and now threatens the Capitol
itself. Juarez had issued a very temperate
and dignified proclamation to the Mexicans,
calling on all parties to give up their present
quarrels and unite against the common enemy.
All had done so, it was said, save Zuloaga,
who had but a small band, and Miramon's
party, to which, since his departure, but little
more than the name is left. According to the
Monitor, the State of Jalisco had put at the
disposition of the national government 7,000
men; the State of Zacatecas 7,000 men and 60
guns; San Luis, 6,000 men; Querataro, 4,000
men; Mexico, 8,000 men; Michoacan, 6,000
men; Guerrero, 10,000 men; Quataca, 4,000
men, and Puebla 10,000. The *Monitor* esti
mates the total national levy at 150,000 men
and 100 batteries. The same paper announces
that President Juarez had ordered 52,000 men
into immediate action, having a reserve of
100,000 militia.
Now all this sounds very pretty, but we do
not see it, except on paper. The same sort of
"feeling" existed at Vera Cruz, a while since,
and the inhabitants were very rampant about
the threatened Spanish invasion. This was
when the Spaniards were at a safe dis
tance. Now that they have established
themselves in the city, which they took with
out firing a gun, fraternization succeeds to
hatred, and we see the Mexican General hob
nobbing with his Spanish cousin on the very
best of terms. The inhabitants had settled
down contented under the new rule; the city
was never more orderly; provisions never so
cheap; nor the theatres ever filled so well.
If the inhabitants of Puebla, San Luis Potosi,
and the city of Mexico, are but imbued with
like sentiments of hostility, we think we may
safely conclude that all expectations of bloody
work, on the march to the Capital, may as
well be indefinitely postponed. The "150,000"
of the *Monitor* are men in buckram. Gen.
Juarez has not a dollar, and although his
"Congress" have clothed him with full pow
ers to make treaties, raise armies, and all that
sort of thing, the old Mexican farce is well
nigh played out. The men of wealth in Mexi
co have so long been plundered that they are
prepared to welcome anybody. Only the *ex
malifie*, who have nothing to lose, will object,
and these will be easily bought. There will
be no fighting and no resistance worthy of the
name.

Heavy Fire at McGregor, Iowa—Loss Between $20,000 and $30,000.
The McGregor (Iowa) *News* of Monday gives
the particulars of a destructive fire that swept
over the town that morning, (the 13th) the
total loss being estimated between $20,000 and
$30,000. The fire began in the store of R. H.
Gerlough, in Marion street, and raged for several
blocks. The principal sufferers are Mr. Nor
ton; Pat. O'Brien, family grocer; W. A. Giles,
jeweler; C. M. McNeil, liquor dealer; C. H.
& L. V. Turner, clothing and dry goods;
Liberty Bowen, cabinet maker; the City Ho
tel, occupied by Norcross & Marbett; L. Boyd,
auctioneer; James McGuire & Co., grocers;
John Ludwig, blacksmith and wagon maker;
J. Reynolds, dealer in hides and furs. The
fire was only arrested by tearing down build
ings.

Is the Convention Legally Organized?
The Springfield *Journal* raises the question
whether the Constitutional Convention is le
gally organized, inasmuch as the delegates
were sworn only to support the Constitution
of the United States, whereas the act of the
Legislature prescribed the form of an oath
which was not taken. The Convention has,
indeed, done its organizational work beyond
acts of the Legislature have no binding force
upon a sovereign Convention of the people,
but before the Convention was organized
those acts were in force as much as at the
election when delegates were chosen. The
Journal, therefore, sums up that the Conven
tion, "not having complied with the law, is
not yet a legally organized body, competent
to do the work for which the people have call
ed it together."

☞ The West Pointers of high rank who
have commanded our armies do not mean
that the rebels shall be too severely whipped.
They are not for secession or disunion; they
want the Union restored; but they are even
more solicitous that slavery shall emerge un
harmed from the contest it has most wantonly,
perfidiously provoked. They are willing the
rebels shall be whipped enough to make them
ready to compromise, but not that they shall
be so thrashed as to be compelled to surrender
at discretion. And if we could have a war all
expense and little or no fighting, until the
loyal States should be exhausted, discouraged,
disgusted, and ready to buy a peace of Jeff.
Davis by almost any possible surrender, they
would be still better suited.

☞ A miserable nigger calling himself
Charles Wesley Brawning, and claiming the
charities of people for injuries he claims to
have received in Missouri, is humbugging the
people of Iowa with his story, which the
papers expose as being a lie from beginning to
end. The Davenport *G

The Tribune.

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THE CAIRO EXPEDITION.

The expedition from Cairo, that set out a week since with such a flourish of trumpets, seems, after all, to have been but a "reconnoissance in force," preliminary to something more likely to happen. The country around Columbus was thoroughly gone over and surveys taken, and the entire troops have now returned to Cairo and Paducah. Immediately upon his return, and as an indication of what is to be, Gen. Grant calls upon such of his volunteers as are used to boating life to enlist upon the gun boats, now lacking only in crews to be completed. The people of the West are now prepared to hear from Gen Grant. His friend, Gen. Thomas, at the other end of the Kentucky line, has spoken.

BATTLE OF SOMERSET.

Victory at last! After long months of waiting, with its promises and disappointments, we have a crumb of comfort in the shape of a very handsome victory won at Somerset, Ky., by our troops, on Sunday. The first announcement of the news, yesterday afternoon, hardly created a sensation. People don't readily believe in "another battle" until they see it. But now the information is so direct and positive, and from so many sources, that we think we may rest assured that Gen. Thomas has achieved a signal triumph; that Gen. Zollicoffer is killed; and that the right flank of the rebel army in Kentucky is turned! This is glory enough for one day.

It would appear by the accounts that Gen. Zollicoffer, who had been promising himself a quiet winter in the salt manufacturing districts on the Cumberland river, awoke one morning and found a very considerable force of Union troops in his rear. His camp upon the north bank of the river was admirably chosen for defence on that side, and he had little to fear from the five thousand troops under General Shoepff at Somerset, five or six miles distant. The movement against him, however, upon the other side—by whom accomplished the reports do not state—had the effect to drive him out, and to make a desperate battle for his existence. He opened the attack before daylight, and the fight lasted until the middle of the afternoon, when the rebels—their chieftain having been slain—broke in confusion.

THE MISSOURI SENATORSHIP.

The *Missouri Republican* of Tuesday contains an emphatic and semi-official denial of the statement which has found circulation that Gov. Gamble is moving to secure a seat in the U. S. Senate. It is contradicted that he has any such ambition. Gen. John B. Henderson of Pike county, whose appointment to the vacancy caused by the expulsion of Polk was announced in our previous dispatches, is a Douglas Democrat and an unflinching Union man. This is more, we fear, than can be said of his colleague, Gen. Wilson, whose record is shaky, and may result in his rejection. Missouri has suffered too much in this unholy rebellion to allow her to be represented by any man who is in the least degree tainted with secesh doctrines.

IMPORTANT EXPEDITION.

In the interest excited by the new movements in Kentucky, by the anticipation of an advance from Washington, and by Burnside's flotilla, there is danger that the public will overlook an important expedition from Rolla, of which the brave and loyal SIGEL is to be the commander. We have no knowledge of the point against which it is directed; but from the number of men who compose the columns that he will lead, and from the fact that his line of march is Southwest, we assume that he has orders to drive Price and his horde of ruffians out of the State, and, we hope, to follow them into Arkansas or wherever else they may seek refuge. Our dispatches assure us that he will move with a force not far from twenty thousand, included in which are several regiments of cavalry and a full supply of artillery—strength enough to cope with anything that the enemy, to be hereafter fully employed in Kentucky, on the Potomac, at Hatteras, at New Orleans, and in South Carolina and Georgia, will be able to bring against him. His men are mainly from Illinois and Iowa—a fact that justifies the belief that, when any fighting is to be done, they will, under his skilful leadership, do no discredit to the States that sent them to the field. Whether Sigel's movements have any relation to the greater and more formidable expedition of Lane, we are not informed; but we take it for granted that both he and Lane will carry out each his share of the details of a comprehensive plan which, within the next six months, will enable us to say that the rebellion in the Southwest is at an end. We shall watch his movements with anxiety, hightened by the knowledge that Illinois has so many of her sons in the expedition, and by our solicitude for the success of their distinguished leader.

WAITING.

The consequences which hang upon the events of the next sixty days make those who have merely an imperfect comprehension of their importance hold their breath when the possibility comes up that these events may result disastrously to the Union cause. The armies of the Republic broken and disorganized by defeat; our enemies jubilant and defiant; the national treasury bankrupt and the confidence of capitalists in its solvency destroyed; the people in despair; a peace party bent upon compromise at whatever cost of honor and domain; the recognition of the rebel confederacy by the leading European nations; a quick and murderous increase in the financial difficulties of the people; and perhaps a conviction, honest and wide spread, that the war must, though peace bring with it everlasting shame, be brought to an end. That's an imperfect outline of what a brief time may compel us to face. But he would be no patriot who did not see the situation in a brighter light than that—who did not hope and compel himself to believe in glorious things to follow the inevitable clash of arms. An enemy broken and flying before our victorious hosts; Charleston, Savannah, Richmond, Memphis, Nashville and New Orleans in the keeping of our arms; the the rebellion weakened by the open defection of tens of thousands in the disloyal States who are now compelled to abet it; Tennessee cleared of the hostile force and its loyal men rising from the thraldom which now compels them to inaction; Louisiana swinging back to the embraces of the Union from which her Benjamins and Slidells tore her; the rebellion circumscribed—in the populous slave districts eating out the substance and trampling out the life of those who promoted it; the new assurance of the non-intervention of the foreign powers; the rising enthusiasm and quickened patriotism of the people everywhere in the North, and their willingness to submit to heavier taxes and greater sacrifices for the cause the near prospect that the traitors who have brought all this blood and toil upon this peaceful land will be brought to the hemp they have earned; and more than all, the glorious vindication of the strength, the durability and the beneficence of that Government which the traitors would pull down to set up a slave oligarchy on its ruins,—this is the prospect upon which all patriots will dwell, and for the realization of which all will labor to the end!

☞ It will be hailed with very general satisfaction the intelligence that Mr. Colfax's ill-advised plan for restricting the circulation of newspapers has been tabled and recommitted. Nothing else could have been expected from the nature of the measure.

PEACE AT ANY PRICE.

Men are frequently heard to say, "It is doubtful whether the rebellion can be put down. Is it not better to let the South go, and acknowledge their independence, and thereby put a stop to the war and restore peace and quiet to the country?" Do these people ever reflect what is involved in making peace with the rebels? Let us see.

It means, 1st, The severance of the great Republic into two or more parts, and the blotting out of the United States from the world's map.

2nd. It means the concession of *the right of secession*, and an admission that our Union is not a *Nation*, but only a Confederation of petty States, like Germany.

3d. It means that what is left of the Union shall be reduced to the position of a third-rate power among the nations.

4th. It means the permanent loss of one-half of the whole area of our Republic, and the establishment on our soil of an oligarchal government that will forever hate and despise us.

5th. It means the surrender of the border States: Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri, with the Indian Territory, New Mexico and Arizona, to Jeff. Davis & Co.

6th. It means the surrender of the Capital of our country to the rebels, and the retreat of our armies to the north side of the Susquehanna.

7th. It means the surrender of the Lower Mississippi and New Orleans, and the consequent virtual shutting up of that great artery of Western commerce.

8th. It means a hostile tariff on all our manufactures, excluding the workmanship of our own artisans, and the encouragement of European commerce at our expense.

9th. It means an array of custom houses and a myriad of custom's officers stretching along our southern frontier, from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, three thousand miles, with the immense expense incident thereto.

10th. It means the founding of a slave-holding military despotism for our southern neighbors, and involving the maintenance on our part of a great standing army for self-protection, with a consuming, oppressive taxation for all time to come, to support this army.

11th. It means that after incurring a national debt of six or eight hundred millions, for the preservation of the Union, we must shoulder it alone and let the rebels escape from paying a cent of the principal or interest of a burden caused by their acts.

12th. It means constant raids and forays of slave-catchers upon our soil, in pursuit of their fugitive human chattels; with resistance on our part, followed by bloodshed and murders, excitement and public disturbances and constant danger of a renewal of the war when the South will be stronger and the North weaker than now.

13th. It means future wars growing out of the unsettled slavery question, out of slave-driver insolence, menace and oppression, involving a life and death struggle for the mastery, and ending either in our own subjugation and submission as conquered provinces of the slaveholders, or the abolition of slavery and the utter overthrow of the oligarchy.

The two forms of civilization, free society and slave society, possess an irrepressible antagonism. One or the other must have the mastery. Fire and water are not more antipodal than free government and slave government. If an ocean rolled between them there might be peace; but where both occupy one and an indivisible territory—live as it were in one house and sleep in the same bed—there can be no compromise, no peace, no separation. It will be disturbance and collision, strife and bloodshed, to the end of time, until one or the other form of government shall prevail over the continent. There is nothing left but to fight it out, and it behooves the loyal men to strike at the vitals of the enemy and at one blow destroy his strength, end the rebellion, and secure permanent peace, with indemnity for the expenses of the struggle.

TAXING NEWSPAPERS.

[Washington Dispatch to the N. Y. World, 15th.]

I find a strong feeling here in favor of taxing newspaper circulation at a cent a copy for each sheet they print. It would produce an enormous income to the Government and it is urged would be a public benefit in raising the price of the journals, and concentrating the business in the really able and worthy large city newspapers. Fewer papers and better ones would be the result.

The only class of Congressmen who will favor this scheme are those who hate and fear a *free press*. The aristocracy of Great Britain, under the pretext of raising revenue, laid a stamp tax on the issues of newspapers; but the real reason was to cripple the press, and, as far as possible, prevent the circulation of the news among the masses of the people. The dearer they could make newspapers, the fewer would be taken. It was a tax on knowledge for the purpose of promoting ignorance. The more ignorant the people, the more docile and submissive they would be, and the more burdens and oppression they would bear without murmur or resistance. It was a cunning device of the enemies of popular rights. The most baneful and anti-Republican of all impositions, is a "tax on knowledge." Those who favor the proposition to impose a stamp tax on newspaper circulation in America, are the wouldbe aristocrats of our Republic. A measure of this sort might be submitted to in Jeffdom, but will not go down in the Free States.

The effect of this conspiracy against education would be to enhance the price of newspapers at least twice as much as the amount of the proposed tax. The number of subscribers would fall off; consequently the profits on circulation would diminish, and publishers therefore would be obliged, in order to live, not only to increase their subscription price enough to pay the tax, but to make good, as far as practicable, the loss resulting from decrease of circulation. For instance, we would be compelled to charge twenty cents a week to our city patrons and ten dollars per year to our mail subscribers. Country papers would be obliged to put up their rates to three dollars per year for their weeklies, and the cheapest club rates for a weekly paper would be two to two and a half, instead of one dollar, the present prices. The inevitable effect of this would be, to cut down the circulation of the press of the country at least one half, and to destroy one third or more of all the newspapers in the Union. Large numbers of printers would be thrown out of employment. Millions of dollars invested in the printing business would be depreciated. The business of paper, press, ink and type manufacturing would be correspondingly injured and bankrupted, and the workmen in those branches deprived of the means of obaining a livelihood at the trades which they have spent years to learn.

But this is not all. The money the Government would abstract by a miserable stamp tax would be more than counterbalanced by the loss of revenue it would sustain in other respects. The depreciation of value of printing establishments, and the consequent loss of property tax; the reduction of capital invested in paper, type, press, and ink making, must be taken into account. The falling off in wages paid to employees, and in profits made by publishers, would tell on the income tax. And the decreased consumption of dutiable and excised goods would also help to swell the loss of revenue. The aggregate of these items would far more than equal the sum that would be netted to the Treasury by the proposed stamp tax on popular information. As a revenue scheme, therefore, it would be a folly and blunder, leaving all other views of the subject out of sight.

After a contest of fifty years' duration, the press of England has been unfettered and released from the odious stamps and special taxes, and is now almost as free as the press of America. As each imposition was relinquished by the aristocracy, the subscription rates were reduced in a double ratio, and the circulation increased in fourfold proportion. At last the penny (two cent) paper made its appearance, and found its way into tens of thousands of hands that never before read the daily news. The only unjust tax remaining unrepealed, is the excessive postage, which must ere long come down. Then the great Popular Instructor of the British Isles will be completely unshackled, and like the sun, will shine for all, the poor as well as the rich; the republican as well as the nabob. American civilization will not tolerate taxes on information for the million.

SHIP CANAL ON OUR OWN SOIL AROUND NIAGARA FALLS.

At this time, when our Government is called upon for expenditures so enormous in putting down this wicked rebellion, building canals would seem to the casual observer as an expense not to be thought of. As a purely commercial project, we would say by no means let such expenditures give way to the great necessity of sustaining our Government. But is not a national connection between Lakes Erie and Ontario such a military necessity as should call for immediate action on the part of Congress? We are fresh from diplomatic complications with Great Britain, which, though to all appearances adjusted, have not failed to develop a spirit of envy and malice on the part of the Palmerston Ministry toward this Government, which should not be lost upon our Congress, as the immediate representatives of the people. The great fact stands out in bold relief, that our Secretary of State, immediately after the news of the Trent affair had reached Washington from authentic sources, advised our Minister at the Court of St. James of the willingness of our Government to adjust the question amicably between two friendly nations, utterly disavowing the seizure of Mason and Slidell as a Government act. This communication, so truly a message of good will on our part, was no doubt promptly laid before Earl Russell and fully understood and appreciated by the British ministry. They saw in it not only a willingness on the part of our Government to maintain friendly relations with England, but a determination that England should have no just cause of war against us. Yet what do we see? Do the ministry, or their mouthpieces of the London press, attempt to allay the excitement of the British people? No, far from it. But the occasion is seized upon with the utmost avidity as an excuse for pouring an army into Canada, and presenting opposite our undefended lake coast an army of bristling bayonets and threatening cannon. Should this demonstration be lost upon us? Her armies are there, and honey it over as we may, we can never forget the spirit of hatred with which our Canadian cousins assailed us. They had no oil for the troubled waters. But they seemed to welcome a contest which should humiliate us and establish the rebel government.

With such a war threatening us, what intelligent man failed to contemplate with regret and mortification the fact that the only communication between Lake Erie, the outlet of the immense chain of our Northern Lakes, and Lake Ontario, lies through Canada. We hope Congress may call up the subject which has slept for many years in fancied security. The route for a canal on the American side was many years ago surveyed by our Government, and demonstrated to be perfectly feasible—for a canal about seven miles in length, costing we think about $3,000,000, an item of no consequence compared with the value of the work as a military necessity. The vast commerce of our lakes is made to foster the Welland Canal in time of peace, and gives to our enemies that invaluable transit for their gunboats in war. Let our Government at once enter upon and speedily complete a route most imperatively demanded by the necessities of these perilous times so pregnant with events for the no distant future. While the emissaries of the Southern slaveholders' rebellion are drawing consolation and support from English statesmen no less than from English public sentiment, let us not forget, in an honest, earnest determination to preserve the peace so long as it can be done with national honor, to fortify the weakest points of our northern frontier—than which no measure can be more important than the connection of the Lakes around the Falls of Niagara.

We would suggest the subject as eminently worthy of the most earnest consideration of our citizens in conjunction with our sister cities of the lakes.

THE CHICAGO PORK TRADE.

During the past week, the receipts of Hogs, live and dressed, in this city foot up 46,898, against 24,693 during the corresponding week in 1861, and 11,263 in 1860. The total receipts of Hogs during the present pork season (from the middle of October) foot up 468,440, against 249,932 during the corresponding period in the season of 1860–61, and 292,186 during the same period of 1859–60.

The number of Hogs packed up to date, during the present season, foots up nearly 320,000, against 150,000 up to the same date last season.

The shipments of Hogs from this city East foot up about 135,000 since the commencement of the packing season.

The receipts of Hogs at Cincinnati this season, according to the latest published accounts, were 410,000—so that we are now ahead of Cincinnati in receipts, although probably not in the number packed—Chicago doing a large shipping business besides packing.

THE CONTRABANDS OF KANSAS.

The slavery question seems likely to be practically solved in Kansas in most of its principal features. First—to those whose emigration to that section is due the honor of barring the extension of slavery, and in the conflict that followed, first arousing the Nation to a sense of the dangers to republican liberty which is inherent to a system of bondage.

In this war, it is Kansas men and policy, which, practically striking at the cause, offers a plan and mode of destroying the rebellious effect. To the soldiers of Kansas, as represented by their General, the nation looks with blessings, as one whereby the traitor may be reached, a true peace established, and, above all, justice done to the oppressed. There is still another phase of the war which troubles many, and to solve which much labor is given, and many impossible schemes devised. We mean that which has been formularized by the phrase "What shall we do with the contrabands?"

Theorists may work at schemes of colonization, doctrines may attempt to prove the necessity of separating the races, and our embryotic statesmen may, in their anxiety to make due allowance for prejudice, forget to subordinate them justly, and thus attempt to build schemes which, like Calhoun's Democracy, places the pyramid on its apex instead of its base.

The future condition of the freed slaves will settle itself by the inexorable law of events far better than by any other mode. In the meanwhile, Kansas has practically tested the question of emancipation on a larger scale than elsewhere on the Continent. To-day, within the borders of that State, there are residing between three and four thousand Missouri contrabands, who, during the last six months only, have been brought out of bondage. A sketch of their condition, circumstances, characteristics and progress, will be found in another column.

THE COUNTY WAR FUND.—Information has been received from Washington, by our County Board of Supervisors, that the War Department has authorized Quartermaster Potter to arrange for the payment of the amount advanced by them for fitting out the Hecker Regiment and Irish Brigade. The sum total will exceed $30,000, and will prove a source of relief to our tax payers.

☞ The Post Office Committee of the House will soon report a bill to authorize any postmaster in a city to establish branch post offices. Letters sent or received through these offices, will be charged with one cent extra postage.

Missouri Slaves and Kansas Contrabands.

In slavery, a Missouri negro seems to be the most helpless, shiftless and indolent of beings, apparently childish, stupid and clumsy to the last degree, having but little idea of reason or self-dependence. But the moment freedom is assured, and from the change grows the necessity for effort, then a revolution, complete and instantaneous, is effected in the character of the former slave, and in the latter condition they have proved invariably industrious and self-reliant, prudent and well behaved, and above all, most eager to learn. It will interest our readers to give a brief statement of what has already been developed touching the condition of these people, now that the great question of this age is forced upon us, not to be evaded or turned aside. What to do with the slaves of rebels? And since slavery and the rebellion are hand-in-hand, this leaves our Government to deal with and hold the disposal of all but a moiety of those held in bondage, since in proportion to the whole body of the disloyal, the number of Union slaveholders is very small. Let us see what has been proven on the Kansas border.

The number of slaves freed by the agency of the Kansas soldiers, up to this date, cannot be less than 3,000, while several hundred others have crossed the river and border from Missouri of their own volition. Gen. Lane's Brigade since August, has brought out at least 2,000—Col. Jennison has relieved the rebels of not less than 700 or 800, while jayhawking parties and smaller detached commands have brought in as many more. A great many more are employed by officers, and as cooks in the messes of the soldiers. These all received pay more or less liberal, varying from $8 to $20 per month, with clothes and rations. Besides this a number are employed as teamsters. The wagon-master of the Kansas Brigade is a black man known as Buck. He is quite a well known character on the border. The total thus employed must approximate to 500 persons. It would be desirable if some kind of discipline and drill could be given them, both because they generally show themselves courageous, and because it would be beneficial in forming and fostering habits of self-respect.

Experience has shown that the slave is not deficient in that which constitutes courage, except one thing. He has endurance—the passive power of resistance—strength, great natural energy when roused, but lacks that which we Anglo-Saxons denominate "pluck." This grows out of self-reliance and individuality, and in excess it makes of us bullies. The negro learns rapidly, and in no way would he gain a proper self confidence so quickly as by having arms in his hands, being drilled, and then told to use them for his own liberty.

The principal portion of the contraband population live in the border counties and towns. Leavenworth, Lawrence, Osawatomie, Atchison, and Mound City, have the larger population of them. Leavenworth probably has a population of over a thousand in the city and immediate vicinity. There has been for a long time in the city and vicinity organized Under Ground Railroad at that point, the superintendent of which is a colored man. The knowledge of this depot is wide-spread among the slaves in the contiguous portions of Missouri, and they are constantly availing themselves thereof. Lawrence has a population, in and around the town, of about the same as Leavenworth. Atchison has two or three hundred; Osawatomie and neighboring township three or four hundred; Mound City, Linn and Bourbon county must have over a thousand, as this section is where they were brought by Lane. At Topeka and other points there are a number. At first the people were alarmed at this influx of "culled pussons," and the prejudices of the majority found noisy vent. But that seems to be passing away, and the more active feelings of charity have been called forth to help them out of their destitute condition. True, this was fostered by the fact that the labors of these people came in very handily to supply that taken away by the war. All who are industrious can readily and do obtain work.

In the fall it was indeed a serious question what these people would do during the winter, But this, like the rest of questions, meets its solution in practical results. The best authorities say that among all the contrabands now in and coming to Kansas, there will not be over five per cent, who will in any way become chargeable to the public purse. Nor will this five per cent. long remain in a condition of pauperism. At all their meetings for education and other self-improvement projects among them, they have unmistakably shown their desire to do without aid from white people.

Most of the contrabands brought in by the army were provided with teams, or plunder of some description. Then our efforts and those of the soldiers, generally enabled them to bring away from their "secesh" owners a wagon, oxen or horses, bedding, provisions, &c., enough to give them a start in their new life. On the occasion of the last visit to Independence Lieut. Col. Anthony, with a portion of Col. Jennison's regiment, a train of 130 contrabands were sent to Leavenworth under charge of a scout.

They took with them ten wagons, six yoke of oxen, some forty horses and mules, and considerable bedding, &c. By order of Col. Anthony, this property was sold at public auction when the train arrived in Leavenworth. The proceeds reached to over $1,300, which was divided among the negroes in proportion to their wants, and their chances of employment. All of those able to work readily obtained it within a few days of their arrival. So at Lawrence, to which town was sent the first train Col. Jennison took; the wagons and teams they had were sold and the proceeds divided among them.

In the matter of education the contrabands themselves show great eagerness to learn, and all the parents seem determined to obtain some education for their children. The citizens of the neighborhoods in which the negroes congregate are also doing much to aid them. At Lawrence a free school has been established, which is kept open in the day time for children and in the evening for adults. Over one hundred of the latter attend regularly, and it is certainly a most interesting sight to see the stalwart men and women, with their grotesque appearance and swarthy faces, so eagerly bent over their books, attempting to obtain that knowledge before which slavery vanishes as snow before the sunlight. The expenses of this school are at present paid by donations of the citizens. Most of the leading men of the town give liberally. Col. Jennison subscribed to the Lawrence School largely, and has also started and sustains, himself, a school for them at Osawatomie, which is under the direction of Rev. Elder Read, one of the survivors of the Marais des Cygnes, in May, 1856. At Mound City another school has been started. At Leavenworth, where there is considerable of a free colored population, they have two schools, sustained by the members of the two churches, to which they belong, and for tuition in which a small sum has been charged. They are now organizing for the purpose of establishing a free school. Under the city ordinance the taxes paid by the colored people are to be used to sustain their schools. Under the State school law, they are entitled to the benefits of the school lands and funds, the statutes providing for a vote of the inhabitants of a district on the question of separate schools. Measures are being taken to secure these rights for the benefit of the colored people. These movements indicate to the observer the fact that the despised African shares with the more favored portion of the world the progressive desires of humanity. Among other efforts for the contraband now being projected) is the organization of intelligence offices under the direction of responsible parties at the principal towns, by means of which, the contrabands may be aided to find shelter on arrival, and work, at an early date. A number of families have already been provided for, and others will be as the movement extends.

CHICAGO PRODUCE TRADE.

The receipts and shipments of flour, grain, live stock, &c., during the past week were as follows:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, brl	20,131	19,939
Wheat, bu	110,444	1,433
Corn, bu	97,600	8,604
Oats, bu	14,542	500
Rye, bu	11,743	600
Barley, bu	10,178	1,497
Seeds, lbs	54,800	141,500
Pork, brls	1,839	4,000
Cut Meats, lbs	67,635	1,005,974
Lard, lbs	776,855	2,337,613
Tallow, lbs	2,975	197,117
Live Hogs, No	27,774	16,419
Dressed Hogs, No	15,694	7,475
Beef Cattle, No	2,135	1,417

The following table shows the receipts of leading articles since the 1st of January to date for three years:

	1862.	1861.	1860.
Flour, brls	69,833	88,800	93,493
Wheat, bu	413,788	494,854	255,407
Corn, bu	307,720	675,802	317,806
Oats, bu	49,006	36,859	67,701
Rye, bu	31,213	20,601	6,971
Barley, bu	37,569	39,035	36,884
Seeds, lbs	180,971	94,613	165,594
Pork, brls	10,836	1,817	3,394
Cut Meats, lbs	144,949	1,114,440	1,111,414
Lard, lbs	2,202,009	1,646,878	980,057
Tallow, lbs	39,779	141,593	31,375
Live Hogs, No	68,978	39,643	9,491
Dressed Hogs, No	42,648	11,744	1,274
Beef Cattle, No	7,994	6,139	5,139

THE SITUATION IN KENTUCKY.

The Defeat of Zollicoffer—A Sketch of Positions and Forces.

Contrary to what has been too often the experience of our readers in war news, subsequent dispatches have carried forward and heightened the effect of the earliest dispatches announcing the utter defeat of Zollicoffer on the Cumberland river near Somerset in Eastern Kentucky, by the Federal forces under Gen. Thomas, on Sunday last, 19th inst. That our readers may understand what has been accomplished, and its relations to the position in Kentucky, it will be necessary to recapitulate briefly the situation in that State.

The two armies have been for some time past gradually taking the position of two parallel lines, that of the rebels extending across the State, from Humphrey Marshall's recent position at Paintsville, to Columbus on the Mississippi. The Federal lines rested the right with Gen. Crittenden's camp at Calhoun, twenty miles north of Madisonville, to Somerset, or rather to the flying column of Col. Garfield, on our extreme left, which best demonstrated its location by its late impinging on Marshall's force, and driving it before them like a flock of sheep. Col. Garfield was subsequently at Prestonburg, a few miles south of Paintsville, and Marshall, who with from five to seven thousand men had been pressing toward Blue Grass region with a design on Lexington, was hopelessly discomfitted.

This melting away of the extreme right o the rebel forces, made Zollicoffer next in turn as the right of the rebel line. He had chosen his position on the Cumberland river at Mill Spring, twenty-two miles southeast of Somerset, where a small creek empties into the Cumberland. Zollicoffer's position was a formidable one. Selecting the mountainous region, on both sides of the Cumberland river, at a point where its course veers from due south to due west, he had occupied the principal hills commanding all approaches by the river from both directions, as well as through the valleys of White Oak Creek, on the north side, and Meadow Creek on the south. Some idea may be formed of the topography of the country, when we state that the hills, although immediately upon the banks, rise to an altitude of three hundred, three hundred and fifty and four hundred feet above the level of the river. His forces, on the north side of the Cumberland, consisted of six regiments stationedon a height four hundred feet above the river, commanding the approach from both directions; and on the south side, of four regiments commanding the valley of Meadow Creek; and a depression through the hills from the south about one mile west of Mill Spring.

The left wing of the Federal forces in Kentucky is composed of the fourth division, and is commanded by Brigadier General Geo. H. Thomas, whose position was at Columbia, Adair county, and nearly due west of Somerset, twenty-five miles distant. Gen. Thomas had divided his force to watch Zollicoffer, and leaving Gen. Shoepff to watch the rebel front, another portion of Gen. Thomas's division had been pushed southward, while the remainder of the division was scattered along the road as far north as Bardstown.

Zollicoffer left two regiments for the defense of Cumberland Gap, and brought to his position three Tennessee and one Mississippi regiment, and was afterwards reinforced by three regiments from Bowling Green, and still more recently by some 1500 Virginia troops from Knoxville. This gave him all told over 10,000 men. A very effective portion of his force was a body of cavalry, from 2,000 to 3,000 strong, an important arm in which he was superior to Gen. Thomas. And this may have much to do with his ruin. The details received are yet too meagre to fully indicate the *modus* of the fight, but one thing is certain, from a position well-nigh impregnable, "Zollicoffer's dog," as it had come to be called, he on Sunday last ventured a field fight and attacked Gen. Thomas's division, which was advancing upon him from the direction of Columbia, in combination with a movement of Gen. Schoepff's Division on the other side from Somerset. Zollicoffer's intention was probably to attack these divisions in detail with superior force, on the Napoleonic system. The plan was good, but lacked one Napoleonic feature in the execution. Instead of beating the divisions in detail, the result was a total rout. Occupying both sides of the river, the rebels had excellent means for crossing, and rapidly retreated by means of the boats, but still in too great haste to prevent the same means of transit being employed by an enemy flushed with victory, since our last night's dispatches inform us that Gen. Thomas had seized the boats and was hard after Zollicoffer's flying forces beyond the Cumberland, pressing them with the hundred men left in command, being left dead upon the field, their stores and camps and late intrenched position abandoned to the enemy.

The Federal troops to whom this victory is due, constitute Gen. Thomas's division, comprising the brigades of Gens. Shoepff, Carrington, Manson and Carter. The latter was composed of loyal Tennesseans. Col. Manson, acting Brigadier General, was in camp at Glenn's Fork, Pulaski county, eighteen miles from the scene of the battle, and with his brigade made a forced march of eighteen miles, over horrible midwinter roads, arriving just in time to engage honorably in the fight. The gallant 10th Indiana loses 75 men. Its Colonel, commanding the brigade as above, is an officer of great bravery and ability. His conduct at the battle of Rich Mountain, in Western Virginia, as Colonel of this regiment, and his experience in the war with Mexico, constitute a happy preface to his late brilliant achievement. This same 10th Indiana are fully up to the feat of rapid marches. A short time since, being detailed to go to Greensburg, from Campbellsville, to repel an anticipated attack of secesh, the march was made by the Hoosier boys in 3 hours, a distance of 12 miles, 8 of which was over a dirt road that had the advantage of a hard rain the night previous.

There are no troops in the mountain districts of East Tennessee. There are some eight hundred at the "Gap," and a good part of them sick. There are no troops at Knoxville, though Floyd's brigade passed through that place on the railroad, on its way to join Buckner, at Bowling Green.

From a source that we regard as reliable, we have advices that warrant the prediction of an early advance of the army in Kentucky. The weather is now the only hindering cause. Everything else is ready and in fine order. The defeat of Zollicoffer will discourage the rebel army, and render a Federal victory at Bowling Green an easy one; if, indeed, Buckner does not run before our army gets within reach of him.

The Army of the Rebels.

The recent messages of the rebel Governors and other official documents put forth by the State authorities, enable us to form a pretty correct estimate of the strength of the rebels now in the field. It is as follows:

State.	Authorities.	Number.
Georgia	Governor's Message	27,000
Louisiana	Governor's Message	20,000
South Carolina	Governor's Message	10,000
Virginia	Governor's Message	72,000
Tennessee	Governor's Proclamation	45,000
Kentucky	Estimated	10,000
Missouri	Price's Proclamation	20,000
Alabama	Estimated	22,000
Mississippi	Vicksburg *Sun*	21,000
Florida	Estimated	10,000
Texas	Estimated	30,000
North Carolina	Governor's Message	24,000
Arkansas	Rep. of Adjutant of State	24,000
Maryland	Estimated	13,000
Total		353,000

It does seem that the half million of better armed, disciplined, fed, clothed and paid Union troops can brush the above rebel hordes into their boots" if our pro-slavery West Point Generals would only let the "boys sell in."

New Mexico.

We understand that a printing office and materials are on their way from the East to New Mexico, to be used in the publication of a new weekly journal at the Territorial capital, to be known as the Santa Fe *Republican*. It will be published and edited by well known Kansas men, and be a vigorous supporter of the war and of Freedom.

A new order of things is slowly but surely to make its way into New Mexico, and will result in the overthrow of the oligarchy there and the consequent development of its vast mineral and other resources. The valuable New Mexican trade which for years past has enriched the border towns of Missouri, is shaping for itself new channels. The mail and express coaches which now start from Missouri are about to be removed to Leavenworth, this change being rendered necessary by the outrages and robberies in Jackson county, Missouri. With this change Chicago must necessarily be brought into more direct communication with this section of the Far West. The establishment of this new journal will afford our merchants and others a favorable opportunity of endeavoring to secure the business of the Territory. A prospectus will shortly be issued, and advertisers will then have the opportunity desired.

☞ The Cleveland *Plain Dealer* says: "We know Edwin M. Stanton, the new Secretary of War, well. He has more of the Bonaparte in his composition than any other man in America."

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON—SECRETARY STANTON "CLEARING THE DECKS FOR ACTION."

Two Assistant Secretaries---The Case of Bright--Railroad Matters.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, January 21, 1862.

Secretary Stanton is hard at work reorganizing the War Department. The following regulations concerning the transaction of business is to be made:

The Department will be closed four days in the week to all business save what pertains to active operations in the field.

Saturdays will be given to Senators and Representatives.

Mondays will be allotted to others requiring personal interviews with the Secretary of War.

The Secretary will transact no business and see nobody on business at his house.

Wednesdays his friends will be received socially.

Every day the Secretary will dispatch business by mail or in written communication before entering on other duties.

It is also announced that no further army appointments will be made until March 1st, so as to leave room for promotions for gallantry in the field. All nominations now pending before the Senate will be suspended until March 1st.

Officers frequenting the city, otherwise than on military duty and by command of superiors, will be dropped from the list.

Secretary Stanton being invited by a friend to visit the fortifications after Bull Run, said "I can't, it would sear my eye balls to see those proofs that my country's Capital is beleaguered."

There is no likelihood that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad will be opened while the rebels remain at Manassas.

Mayor Wallach has discovered that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company have by act of Congress a franchise of roadway along Pennsylvania avenue or any other city street, if the city authorities assent. The City Council have appointed a joint committee to confer on the subject with the President of the Road.

The Board now sitting has retired Col. Bell, 1st cavalry, and Lieut. Col. Andrews, 6th infantry. Capt. Bond, 2d infantry, was adjudged fit for duty.

The Associated Press telegram statement that the rebels are leaving Manassas, is discredited at headquarters.

At last accounts they were in *statu quo*. When Burnside and Buell co-operate they may be forced out of their entrenchments, but hardly before. Gen. Brannon's Department comprises Key West, Tortugas and Florida to Apalachicola on the west, and Cape Canoreac on the east.

Secretary Stanton has sharp, sudden shears, with which he has already begun to cut away red tape, in spite of bureaucracy. To the men trying to sell muskets, he said, to-day, that he should, before buying, see if those now in the soldiers' hands were going to be used.

Cameron gave a dinner to the diplomatic corps to-night. All but the Prussian Minister, whose cards were out previously, and his guests, were present.

Secretary Stanton has an interview with the Military Committee of both Houses to-morrow. The Judiciary Committee commence the examination of witnesses touching the censorship of telegraph to-morrow. Newspaper men are invited.

Richard W. Thompson and Robert Dale Owen are spoken of as Bright's probable successor by Gov. Morton's appointment in case Bright is expelled by a vote of two-thirds, or resigns, in deference to the wishes of a majority, which is sure. Garrett Davis and Andy Johnson are against him.

A third division of the Supreme Court has been constituted, putting Ohio with Michigan and Indiana with Kentucky. It is suggested by Trumbull and will probably be adopted.

Thirty-two clerks were removed from the Treasury Department to-day.

WASHINGTON, January 20, 1862.

Cassius M. Clay was to-day confirmed as a Major-General, and Abner Doubleday as a Brigadier-General.

Gen. Stone's name may disappear from the army rolls. Gen. Banks General who has returned fugitive slaves will be confirmed.

The Sutler of a regiment in Virginia has been expelled by his Colonel for "shaving" Treasury notes.

It is believed that fifty millions of the 3.65 per cent. Treasury notes, redeemable in one year, will be issued under existing laws. One hundred millions of the 7.30 per cent. notes, and fifty millions demand notes, have been issued. The War Department has given authority for the enlistment of warriors from the Seneca Indians, New York.

Eighteen or twenty negro women and children in front of Beauregard's lines have been arrested and sent to the rear, on the charge of corresponding with the enemy.

Gen. Buell recently said "None of my officers shall attempt to tell people what the war is about. I myself don't know what it is about. I only know that it it's my duty "to whip the enemy."

Gen. Sumner is so much better that he may resume his command this week.

The following is Gen. Lane's full staff, all appointed on the staff by Gen. McClellan, and detailed to Major-General Hunter, to be detailed by him to Gen. Lane. This formality is necessary in the case of a Brigadier with Major General's command:

Col. Wm. H. Merritt, Iowa, who commanded the Iowa 1st at Springfield.

Lieut. Col. Judson Killpatrick of New York, now of the Harris Cavalry.

Majors—John Ritchey of Kansas.
Bevan Ainworth of Iowa.
F. J. Weed of Kansas.
Champion Vaughn of Kansas.
J. R. McClure of Kansas.
Wm. Kyle of Illinois.
W. A. Phillips of Kansas, correspondent of the New York *Tribune*.
A. P. Russell of Kansas.
Wm. O'Donell of Kansas.

First Lieutenants—M. Rice of Illinois.
Wm. R. Dale of the District of Columbia.
Jas. Christian of Kansas.
R. J. Hinton, Correspondent Chicago *Tribune*.
J. M. Winchell, correspondent of the New York *Times*.
A. J. Mead of Kansas.
J. B. Carter of Pennsylvania.
A. L. Read of Kansas.

Second Lieuts—Fred A. Brown of New York.
Volney Hickox of Illinois.
W. W. Roberts of Kansas, formerly of Oberlin, Ohio.

Gov. Curtin has asked permission from the War Department to send e

The Tribune.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1862.

Arrival of Gen. Lane.

Gen. Jim Lane, accompanied by his family, arrived in this city at eleven o'clock last evening, en route for Kansas, and took rooms at the Tremont House. His staff have not yet arrived.

MUSTERED IN.—It will be a matter of gratifying intelligence to the public to learn that the differences in the Mechanic Fusileer regiment have been settled and that the men have been mustered into the United States service. There is now every probability that this the regiment will be soon brought into active service, as an adjunct to Gen. Lane's expedition. In whatever situation they may be placed they will give a good account of themselves.

Arrival of the Wisconsin First Artillery.

The Second and Fourth Batteries of the First Wisconsin Artillery arrived last evening from Racine by the Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad, en route for Baltimore and the Potomac. They left Camp Utley, where they have been encamped since September 1st, yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and reached this city at 5 o'clock. They immediately took up their line of march for the depot of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, and after a hasty embarkation left for Toledo and the East at 7 o'clock. Owing to the lateness of the hour, and the necessity of dispatch, there were no demonstrations along the line of march between the two depots. The men were well uniformed and accoutred, but were without their batteries. These will arrive today with those of the First and Third Batteries who are expected to pass through this city this evening en route for Louisville.

NEWS FROM SECESSIA.

Three young men, named Charles Cox, Jesse Gilbert and W. J. Morell, deserters from the Southern army, arrived at the Tremont House on Monday night, having been forwarded from Cairo to this city by George W. Gage, Esq., and other citizens who were cognizant of their condition. Cox, in company with Gilbert, Morelland a fourth party, named Gardner, who has remained in Cairo, are all strong Union men, who, prior to the breaking out of the war, had been engaged in various capacities at the South. Upon the commencement of hostilities, they, in common with numerous other Northern men, were impressed into the rebel army. Gilbert, who had formerly been connected with Rice's equestrian establishment, was compelled to join a Louisiana regiment. Cox, who was a compositor in the office of that rampant organ of secession, the Memphis *Appeal*, was offered his choice: to enlist in a Tennessee regiment or be confined in the county jail. Morell and engaged in manufacturing saltpetre for the rebel government. Each of these persons had formerly been a resident of Illinois, and 4th among those en-

to, including the and some Kentucky deserters. The party is composed of Sheppard's regiment of Texas Rangers. They made through heavy rains and almost direct hours per day, in spite of

dispatches given to the Federal

said to be killed is unable to eat owing to the effects of the shells. Other casualties of a similar character shall be reported, and that no exchange of prisoners shall circulate in the State. Penalties for violation of this section are directed. The report is made the special order for Thursday, the Convention went into Committee of the Whole on Article 3, but adjourned without making any progress.

The question of a system of compensation to Legislature will be adhered to.

THE CALIFORNIA FLOOD.

Sacramento Inundated—Legislature Compelled to Adjourn—Great Loss of Property.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The Legislature has adjourned to the 20th inst., to allow the water to subside from Sacramento. The whole city has been under water from two to eleven feet deep. The people have been driven to the second stories of their houses, and are unable to build fires to cook their victuals. Cooked provisions in large quantities have been sent from San Francisco by two steamers. The water has materially subsided to-day, but the weather is still unfavorable for the whole valley. Other portions of the State have suffered severely from this unprecedented inundation, and many millions of property have been destroyed.

Ex-President Tyler.

Our dispatches announce the death of ex-President Tyler, which took place at Richmond on Friday night last, 18th inst. Virginia has been called the "Mother of Presidents" since of our sixteen Chief Magistrates, seven were born within her limits. Washington illustriously heads the list, whereof John Tyler was last and least. Long before his day statesmen had ceased to be the staple of the State devoted to negro breeding. John Tyler was born in Charles City county, March 29th, 1790, and at the time of his death was thus about 72 years of age. Following the profession of his father, he entered the bar at the age of nineteen, and achieved some prominence in his profession. In the course of his public life he has been a member of the house of Delegates, Representative to Congress, Governor of Virginia, and during his second term in the latter office resigned it to succeed John Randolph in the United States Senate. He was ever the advocate of Southern rights doctrines, an admirer and close disciple of Calhoun, fought by his side on the nullification question, was among the opposition to Jackson's Administration, and recorded his vote against the Force bill.

Elected to the Vice Presidency in the campaign of 1840, one month after the inauguration saw him succeed the lamented Harrison in the Chief Magistracy. His entire administration, with honest-minded men of all parties, will bear a stain from the act of insincerity and bad faith which no historian can gloss over, and which will find, in its principle, few defenders. He was traitorous to the party whose suffrages he received and false to his own pledges. This act of President Tyler cost him his Cabinet, with the exception of one member.

Since retiring from the Presidential Chair, Mr. Tyler has mingled but little in public life. His last appearance was most characteristic of the man. He was President of the Peace Convention which closed its session at Washington February 27th of the past year, a few days before the inauguration of President Lincoln. After aiding in the preparation of the humiliating propositions reluctantly accepted by loyal people as a basis of compromise, John Tyler was the first to denounce the work of his own hands in a public speech at Richmond, a few days after, in which he took strong secession ground.

A pro-slavery statesman, he lived to see this monstrous rebellion, the legitimate fruits of the doctrines he defended. He lived to see Nullification become Secession, and himself to swell with what influence he possessed the forces of those who were striving to subvert the Union. His brother has left in the rebel capital, surrounded by the hordes of slavery's power. The last among the dwindling line of statemen Virginia has given to the country, himself succeeded by the Masons, and Garnetts, and Pryors, he dies without honor, and is destined to fill no niche in history save in the brief line that records his fortuitous elevation even if its shame be charitably unrecorded.

Gen. Felix K. Zollicoffer.

The rebel commander in Eastern Kentucky, killed at the battle of Somerset on the 19th inst.—Felix K. Zollicoffer—is more honorably though perhaps less widely known as the Whig and American member of Congress from the Nashville (Tenn.) District, in the years from 1853 to 1859 inclusive. In all the exciting contests of that eventful period he was esteemed a conservative national man; and his record is, for the representative of a Southern constituency, quite unimpeachable. We do not recall what part he took in the earlier secession movements of 1850 and 1851, further than to take a military rank in the Confederacy, and since that date his name has been familiar as household words. Briefly, his military career has been to "subjugate and reconcile" the Union men of East Tennessee. One of his first acts was to suppress Parson Brownlow's paper. He early established himself at Cumberland Gap, and from thence he invaded Kentucky simultaneously with the movement upon Columbus and the Green. Not long after the right flank of the rebel line of occupation. It is still fresh in the minds of the people how terribly he was beaten at Crab Orchard, two months since, and what horrors attended the retreat of his shattered army. Recovering, he advanced anew into the State, by a better route, and has occupied a strong position on the North bank of the Cumberland river, navigable thence to Nashville, and running some important salt mills for the Confederacy. We shall soon have the news that the battle of Warrington, the Navy Yard and Woolsey, I doubt if we have done them any injury worth speaking of, and so far Fort Pickens is as strong as before the first bombardment. There were but few if any accidents worth recording, but the Navy Yard was illuminated by way of bravado, suspended a light outside of the fort, that the rebels might better see where to fire. Brave as Bragg is of the opinion that, had he five thousand additional troops, he could take the Navy Yard and Forts McRae and Barrancas.

☞ This week's TRIBUNE conveys to its readers a large amount of news, several days ahead of the New York weekly papers. The crushing defeat of General Zollicoffer's rebel army, and the death of their chief, are cheering items of news. It will be known to our readers several days before subscribers to Eastern papers get it. The interest of the war centers in the Southwest, and we can best all other papers in getting Western news.

A Splendid Chance for Gen. Halleck's "Order No. 3."

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

ST. LOUIS, January 16, 1862.

A few days since, while Company C of the Iowa 5d, under command of Lieutenant Leffingwell, was in the occupancy of Florence, guarding the North Missouri Railroad at that point, a negro came dashing towards the camp about eleven o'clock at night, mounted upon a high-spirited horse. He was ordered to pass the guard, who sprang forward and caught the bridle-reign of his horse and stopped him. The negro immediately threw himself from the animal, and, in a cringing, obsequious manner observed: "Massa soger, please let me go in de camp and see the Illinoy soger." The guard informed him that they were Iowa soldiers, and desired to know what he wanted. He hung down his head for a moment, seemingly musing upon the disappointment, and then continued—"Massa soger! look at dis collor; I'se a good nigger. Please let me go in." The guard now discovered that he was ironed, and immediately called the officer of the guard who took him to the guard-house. In the morning he was taken before Lieutenant Leffingwell, around whose quarters the entire command had already assembled; and never did men look upon a more degrading and humiliating than that which was presented to them in the person of this slave. Around his neck was a band of iron, to which was attached a chain and a half inches wide, not locked but securely riveted. Three iron prongs of lightning-rod size projected from the collar to equal distances apart, and arose above his head about nine inches, with an outward inclination. The iron had incrusted his neck, and the wound had partially healed, forming a protection he had given to them by holding up the band with his hands during the three preceding days that he was concealed in a corn field, but while riding the horse he could not hold it up, and it had opened the wound, from which there was a bloody, matter-y stream trickling down upon his naked shoulders. The men stood around, gazing upon the scene before them in mute astonishment, and it was not until the negro had repeated his petition two or three times that they could realize the fact that the cruelty of the scene before them was the act of a slave master, living but a short distance from St. Louis, the enlightened emporium of Missouri. The negro observed—"Please massa soger take dis collor off my neck. I'se a good nigger; I'll do any thing you want me. De Illinoy sogers cut de collar off 'er Ben." The Lieutenant immediately ordered it to be stricken off, when an effort was procured, which could not be made to work upon the band only in a slanting manner. After a labor of over three hours it was removed, the men taking turn about—two holding the band while one used the file. The band is now in the possession of Lieutenant Leffingwell, who holds it as one of the trophies of the 3d Iowa, and the negro is now officiating in his quarters as a servant.

The master of this contraband resides about ten miles from Florence. It appears that the negro had carried this iron band upon his neck nearly three months, as a punishment for attempting his wife to make her escape into Illinois. Gen. Halleck, or some other *prudent* commander, may order this band to be re-riveted upon the neck, and the "property" surrendered to his master; but from what I have seen of the Iowa soldiers, I believe that blood would drip from the point of the bayonet that every hand would do it. The contraband always gives the Missouri troops a wide berth, and generally makes for the Illinois regiments under whose broad shield of bayonets he feels secure.

ENFIELD.

☞ The Provost Marshal of Cairo is A. J. Kuykendall, ex-Senator from Johnson county, who cannot forget the partisan in his new position. He frequently insults Republicans when applying for passes to leave Cairo, by wishing he had power to send them "*down the river.*" In short his Senatorial term has not improved his manners. Most men improve by contact with the world. He has not. Egypt has plenty of gentlemen capable of filling this position more acceptably than it is now filled.

☞ It is said that the New York Central Railroad Company contemplate building a new bridge across the Genesee River, at Rochester, at an estimated cost of $80,000.

☞ Ten copies of the WEEKLY TRIBUNE for $10, without any gold pen bother.

Secretary Wellesley's Security Defense of his Transactions—Gen. Morgan.

Even if there were no other evidence against him, the special apology made by Secretary Welles in reply to Congress, and the facts he gives in connection with the argument, would be enough to prove all that has been charged of wasteful expenditure in the naval purchases made by Commodore D. Morgan. Mr. Welles, indeed, ought to be removed for making so lame a defense. If he had been better he should have said as little as possible. The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Inquirer* writes:

"The statements made in this curious 'report' are truly startling, and will afford the public an opportunity of ascertaining how the Treasury has been depleted in the purchase of the vessels. Among other startling facts which come out in the course of the report, are these: That the Government paid fourteen thousand five hundred dollars to one W. A. Harbuck, for two old ships, (the Roman and Wm. Badger,) for which purchase only paid six thousand five hundred dollars, *only acting as the agent of the Government!* That over and above this, Harbuck was paid five per cent. commission upon the fourteen thousand five hundred dollars, and an additional two and a half per cent. upon the same sum for advancing the money.

That the steamer Stars and Stripes, which cost her owners but thirty-five thousand dollars, was sold to the Government for fifty-five thousand dollars—Mr. Morgan (Government Agent) being made to believe that it cost sixty thousand dollars to build her. The Secretary endeavors to make this tremendous leap by saying to prove that the owners built the vessel remarkably cheap, and that, in point of fact, she was at the time of the purchase worth the fifty-five thousand dollars paid for her.

That the Penguin, another vessel of less tonnage than the Stars and Stripes with machinery considerably inferior, was bought and purchased for seventy-five thousand dollars, (Gen. Breese approving); and that the same Naval officer paid the same amount of money for the Albatross, three years older than the Stars and Stripes, and of less tonnage. It will excite astonishment in the minds of the merchants and shippers of New York City, on the 11th of the present month, addressed a letter to Senator Foote, expressive of their belief that the purchases made by Mr. Morgan were made with "integrity, economy and ability, and to the great advantage of the government."

New Year's Day at Pensacola—The Bombardment of Fort Pickens.

[Key West Correspondence N. Y. Herald, 6th.]

The Rhode Island has arrived, bringing news of another bombardment at Fort Pickens on the 1st inst., with the usual twenty hours. I am gratified to say that no one was killed, and but one slightly wounded on our side. Col. Brown seems determined not to allow them to remain quiet, and he may have opened the ball merely as a New Year's gift.

On the morning of the 1st instant a small rebel steamer was observed from Fort Pickens making her way to the Navy Yard. She being out of the reach of the guns, another one on board waving a rebel flag, which seemed to say, "You dare not fire at me." This was not to be borne with patience, as Col. Brown had frequently fired upon the rebels in double quick time. The fire from Fort Pickens was immediately answered from all the rebel batteries, and the engagement became general. The firing was kept up throughout the day, and at night Pickens maintained a fire from the 13-inch mortars, which was hotly returned. About eight o'clock in the p. m. a fire broke out in the Navy Yard, which continued throughout the night, and from the extent of the conflagration it is supposed that the greater part of the buildings in the Navy Yard have been destroyed, and also the larger part, if not all, of the vessels of war which lie adjoining the Navy Yard on the north.

The firing on both sides was remarkable for its correctness, considering the immense numbers fell inside of Fort Pickens, and it is wonderful that no loss was sustained. Our men behaved themselves in the equal proportion, but I have no doubt we will have an old story from Gen. Bragg, that he took it all very coolly, and their loss was nothing.

The bombardment was truly magnificent in the extreme. Every shell could be traced in its course through the air from the time it left the gun until it struck its object, and in connection with the conflagration, rendered the whole affair a sight such as Pensacola, and but few others, had never before witnessed. The illumination was so great that it was distinctly seen by the United States steamer Mercedita, when over forty miles at sea.

All our batteries were engaged, and did their work admirably. Fort McRae, which had been so roughly handled by the rebels, and on the right flank of the rebel line of occupation. It is still fresh in the minds of the people how terribly he was beaten at Crab Orchard, two months since, and what horrors attended the retreat of his shattered army. Recovering, he advanced anew into the State, by a better route, and has occupied a strong position on the North bank of the Cumberland river, navigable thence to Nashville, and running some important salt mills for the Confederacy. We shall soon have the news that the battle of Warrington, the Navy Yard and Woolsey. I doubt if we have done them any injury worth speaking of, and so far Fort Pickens is as strong as before the first bombardment. There were but few if any accidents worth recording, but the Navy Yard was illuminated by way of bravado, suspended a light outside of the fort, that the rebels might better see where to fire. Brave as Bragg is of the opinion that, had he five thousand additional troops, he could take the Navy Yard and Forts McRae and Barrancas.

The St. Louis War Claim Commission —Some Account of its Proceedings.

The St. Louis *Republican* of Monday sums up, in advance of its full report, the following due access had to the official figures, an account of what the War Claim Commission has done—its labors being now completed. The Commission is composed of Hon. David Davis, of Illinois; Joseph Holt, of Kentucky, and Hugh Campbell, of St. Louis. They were appointed upon the removal of General Fremont, to examine the accounts of the Department prior to October 14th, and have been in session continuously for some seventy days. The period in which to present claims expired January 1st, but the Secretary of War has also allowed a discretion to the Board to receive claims after that time, (when they could not have been presented earlier,) and a number of these claims have since been received. In all, 5,875 claims, representing $9,067,871.55, have been filed. Over six hundred witnesses have been examined, their testimony covering six thousand pages of manuscript. Thirteen hundred claims have been accepted and paid; others are in progress of payment; and the balance are now under decision, or have been rejected, or are held for examination before the Court of Claims at Washington.

The *Republican* says the claims (footing $9,067,371.55, as above,) may be classified as follows:

Money loaned and taken	$1,040,589 77
Claims for horses	1,570,000 00
" " mules	800,000 00
" " tents	265,000 00
" " barracks	40,000 00
" " forts at St. Louis	45,000 00
" " barracks, at St. Louis	60,000 00
" " forts at Jefferson City	4,500 00
" " forts at Cape Girardeau	11,000 00
" " wagons and harness	700,000 00
" " cavalry and infantry equipments	700,000 00
Steamboat claims, for transportation and subsistence	485,000 00
Railroad claims for transportation	365,000 00
Claims of Express Companies	35,000 00
Claims for wagon transportation	30,000 00
" " forage	500,000 00
" " clothing, boots, blankets, &c.	1,450,000 00
" " subsistence	100,000 00
" " rent	50,000 00
" " transportation	700,000 00
" " lumber, wood, &c	61,000 00
" " labor and services	40,000 00
" " ordnance	637,000 00
" " hospital stores	19,500 00
" " quartermaster	175,000 00
" " livery, &c.	75,000 00
" " gun-boats, mortar-boats &c	730,000 00
" " telegraphing	17,500 00
" " railroad iron, cars, &c	110,000 00
" " engineer materials	15,000 00
" " pontoon bridges	20,000 00

The first Item on the above list—"Money loaned and *taken*"—It is proper to add was paid off among the first acts of the commission, legal interest being added and payments made in gold. It may be of interest to people to know how this amount was divided:

Boatmen's Saving Institute	$194,300 35
Building and Savings Association	127,613 17
Mechanics' Bank	26,000 00
Merchants' Bank	79,000 00
German Savings Institution	10,000 00
Commercial Bank of Kentucky	14,000 00
Bebrell & Hess	43,000 00
Wm. & Kaime	8,000 00
Southern Bank	14,000 00
Belcher's Sugar Refining Co., assignee	10,000 40
Partridge & Co	8,000 00
People's Savings Association	10,000 00
Reed & Co	4,500 00
McKechnie & Ballantine	8,500 00
Geo. D. Hall, assignee	10,000 00
Bank of Missouri	291,103 00
State Savings Association, assignee	21,735 00
Exchange Bank	141,397 74
Union Bank	64,977 50

Coffee Growing in Illinois.

The resources of our State appear to be without limit. Not only are we producing our own Syrup and Sugar, and are likely to produce our own Cotton, but it has been demonstrated to a certainty that Coffee can be grown in Illinois.

Mr. George R. Hoffman, of Effingham county, last year raised *two bushels of coffee*, nearly identical with the Rio coffee. His seed was sent to him three years ago from Austria. It is unproductive the first year, bearing a little the second year, and is most productive the third season. At estimate, *thirty bushels can be grown per acre.* The plant has every appearance of hardiness and adaptability to Illinois soil. Many farmers in Mr. Hoffman's vicinity will plant it the coming season.

The Southern rebellion may be the means of proving to the world that the West is capable of supplying the country with all it needs in the way of the substantials, as well as the condiments and luxuries of life.

☞ The Washington dispatch to the N. Y. *Herald* of the 18th says the Committee on the Reduction of the Expenses of the Government expect to make a reduction of about $4,000,000 in the army roll, $300,000 or $500,000 in the expenses of Congress, and large amounts in the navy; also in the Treasury and the navy; also in the United States courts of law, and collectors of customs, &c., at New York and other large cities. The whole amount of the matter is, that there will be introduced a series of measures to bring about economy.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Emerging Indications—Judge Trumbull's Confiscation and Emancipation Bill—Improvement in the Examination of Ways and Means—the Financial Question.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17, 1862.

There are again hopeful indications cropping out in one place and another at the Federal Capital. I do not refer particularly to army movements, although the signs of action are more portentous than they have been at any time since the meeting of Congress. Were it not for the ocean of slush which has supervened, I should make bold to predict an early movement of Gen. McClellan's twenty-four baggage wagons. It may also be said of the army that in point of discipline, to the eye of unmilitary observers, it is scarcely less than perfect. The West Point officers still curse "awkward volunteers" from force of habit, yet there are scores, if not hundreds of volunteer officers who, with six months' experience, can out-manœuvre many of the superstitious blockheads who have had from four to ten years' training wasted upon them, and whom no amount of education would ever qualify for good Sergeant-Majors. The army of the Potomac is a well-drilled, efficient and courageous army, abounding in the elements of which victories are made, and by which rebellions are put down. All that it needs is the order, "Forward, march!" and I am inclined to think that that order will be given as soon as the roads are again in tolerable condition.

But the encouraging signs to which I alluded pertain to a different subject. The Judiciary Committee of the Senate have reported back Judge Trumbull's Confiscation and Emancipation act not only not shorn of any of its essential features, but with several new ones of added excellence. The Committee consists of Messrs. Trumbull, Foster, Ten-Eyck, Harris, Cowan, Powell, and Bayard. The four first named voted for the bill; the three others against it. Cowan, though selected as a Republican, is really a pro-slavery man; he believes in negro catching and returning by army officers, as he declared by his vote a short time ago on Senator Wilson's bill to prohibit that enormity. It was not believed three weeks ago, that Judge Trumbull's bill would ever get through the Committee. That it has done so by a majority vote, and by the votes of three naturally conservative members (Foster, TenEyck and Harris), is justly regarded a triumph. Judge Harris, though representing a radical constituency, is a very conservative man. Mr. Foster, though inclined to be radical himself, represents a very conservative State; and Mr. Ten Eyck is both a conservative himself and the representative of the most conservative State in the North.

Another hopeful indication is the clock which the Ways and Means Committee of the House have received as to the project of immediately belching a hundred and fifty millions of irredeemable Treasury notes on the country—than which Vesuvius never made a more destructive eruption. Mr. Thaddeus Stevens, the chairman of the Committee, is deeply imbued with the old Democratic notion of finance, namely: high tariff, large "banking facilities," and consequent high prices; then the greater part of the buildings in the Navy Yard have been destroyed, and also the larger part, if not all, of the vessels of war which lie adjoining the Navy Yard on the north.

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THE ILLINOIS STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

[From our Special Reporter.]

SPRINGFIELD, January 17, 1862.

JUDGES' FEES.

After the reading of the journal, the President laid several communications before the Convention. First, in order came the statement of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chicago, which was read and excited much attention:

The following is a correct statement showing the whole number of suits commenced in the Superior Court of Chicago from its organization April 14th, 1839, to December 31st, 1861, inclusive, together with the amount of judges fees paid on same:

Cases.	Fees on each.	Amount.
6,626 Common law	$4.50	$18,560.00
938 Chancery	10.00	9,380 00
505 Appeals	1.50	757.50
697 Chancery	3.00	2,091.00
		$31,960.50

DEDUCTING

11 Chancery cases changed to common law	$33.00
10 " " forma pauperis	30.00
1 Common law case	2.50
Total amount paid	$65.50
	$31,895.00

THOS. H. CAMPER,
Clerk of Superior Court of Chicago.

THE STATE TREASURER.

The fees and perquisites of the State Treasurer, as shown from a communication from him received to-day, amount to not far from $3,000 per annum, which is $1,000 less than the salary of the State and nothing so much money in charge as Mr. Butler.

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

The following letter was also received from the Treasurer, and explains itself:

TREASURER'S OFFICE, SPRINGFIELD, January 17, 1862.

Hon. Wm. A. Hacker, President of Illinois Constitutional Convention:

SIR: In response to a resolution of the Convention requesting me to "Report the Revenue Fund, including the two mill tax, in the Treasury from the 1st day of April to the 1st day of January, 1862; the amount of revenue paid out of the Treasury within the dates above named, under appropriations for revenue purposes, and the amount of revenue fund (if any) paid out for war purposes; the amount (if any) set apart for interest and other purposes; the amount of revenue fund actually in the Treasury, and the amount of revenue warrants outstanding on the 1st day of January, 1862," I respectfully submit the accompanying tabular statement, marked A and B.

There are no records in the office by which the Treasurer can furnish the required information in relation to outstanding revenue warrants. If information should be sought in the Auditor's office, it would doubtless be furnished.

I hope it will not be deemed improper for me to state that there has been no fund set apart to pay interest since February last. Out of the interest fund on hand, being $370,673 60, the semi-annual interest falling due this current month is now being paid, for which I have not as yet applied for a warrant on the Treasury.

For the semi-annual interest falling due on the first of July next, no fund has as yet been set apart. Before the means in the hands of the Treasurer shall be exhausted, he deems it his duty to call the attention of the next session of the Legislature to the necessity of providing for the payment of exorbitant and unnecessary taxes levied on the February 25th, 1861—to set apart so much of the fund as will meet the interest to accrue on the first day of July next.

For the general revenue fund whatever has been paid out for war purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM BUTLER, State Treasurer.

Statement A referred to aboveshows the balance of revenue in the treasury on hand to be, January 1, 1862, $242,444 16.

Statement B shows the balance of interest fund on hand January 1, 1862, to be $370,673.60.

It must not be inferred because the Treasurer in the above communication says there has been no money set apart for the interest payable in July next, that no money in the interest will not be paid. He intends to say that he will set apart of the funds to be paid in between now and that time a sum sufficient to pay that interest.

FROM THE STATE AUDITOR.

A communication was received from the Auditor in reply to Mr. Weed's recent resolution of the 8th inst., covering statement A, B and C. The following is a copy of

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT—A.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Illinois, which appears on the books of the Auditor's Office, viz:

The School Fund at 6 per cent. interest, being five-sixths of the three percent. fund received from the General Government $613,362 96
Surplus revenue received from theGeneral School Fund and added to the School Fund at 6 per cent. interest 330,299 29
$943,662 25

The Interest on the above amount is paid yearly by distribution to the several counties and the Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

College Fund, one-sixth of 3 per cent .. $126,618 33
Seminary Fund, being proceeds of sale of seminary lands 59,838 73
$186,457 04

Six per cent. on the College and Seminary Fund is annually paid to the Normal University and the Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

SURPLUS REVENUE.

The amount of surplus revenue received from the General Government, in addition to the sum above shown as added to the School Fund, as appears from the accounts and vouchers in the Board of Commissioners, was $343,326 82. On this amount no interest is paid.

The foregoing sums amount in the aggregate to the sum of $1,307,794 14, and are all unfunded indebtedness.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT B

gives a list of the real property of the State without any comment. It consists of 60 acres of land, the State House, the Executive Mansion, the Arsenal, the Penitentiary, the Supreme Court Building, the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and Charitable Institutions at Jacksonville.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT C

is a tabular statement of the amount of taxes charged to the different counties, how much of those sums have been paid, how much abated, and how much defaulted.

1860.

Charged	$2,219,406
Abated	23,176
Paid	1,993,264
Defaulted	344,967

1861.

Charged	$368,660
Paid	90,00—only.

WHAT THIS ALL MEANS.

It is understood here that information has been received from Washington since yesterday, to the effect that peace propositions are being entertained at the Capital, based on these conditions:

1. Recognition of the C. S. A. by the Federal Government.
2. The same relations to exist between the United States and the Confederate States of America as between the United States and Canada as to fugitive slaves.
3. Absolute free trade between the United States and the Southern Confederacy.

I give these statements for what they are worth; there is evidently a powerful influence at work here to some such end.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

On motion of Mr. Starne, the Convention went into committee of the whole, Mr. Ficklin in the Chair, on Article III. of the Constitution.

Section 8 being under consideration, Mr. Allen, amended, on motion of Mr. Starne, to read as follows, and so adopted by the Committee: "Sec. 8. In the year 1870, and every tenth year thereafter, the census taken by the Government of the United States shall be adopted as the basis of representation in the enumeration of this State, and the number of Senators and Representatives shall at the first regular session holden after the returns herein provided are made, be apportioned among the several counties or districts to be established by law, according to the number of white inhabitants."

The amended section does away with the necessity of a State census, which, under the present Constitution, is required to be made every five years.

Mr. Joslyn made an ineffectual attempt to strike out the word "white," so that colored persons could be enumerated, that communication conferring no franchise on them; and in reply to the attacks of southern members, defended the humane principle of caste, color and race, without asking the Convention to adopt them, with great clearness, force and earnestness.

Mr. Ewing, finishing, town-meeting khat of debate on the 9th section, the following substitute was moved by Mr. Parks of Peoria, and adopted, viz:

Sec. 9. The senatorial and representative districts shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory, bounded by county lines, and only one Senator be allowed to each senatorial district, and not more than three Representatives to any one senatorial district. Senatorial districts having the requisite population may have additional Senators allowed them, and cities and towns having the required population may be divided into separate districts.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MOVE TO ABOLISH STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

A communication has been received from the State Auditor concerning the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Vandever moved it be referred to the Committee on Education, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of State Superintendent of Public instruction.

So referred with instructions. This is significant.

HAVE THE SOLDIERS BEEN PROPERLY TREATED?

Mr. Brooks moved and carried the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire whether the soldiers now in the field from the State have been, and continue to be, provided for in all respects as the troops sent into the field from other States have been provided for, and if the Committee find that the Illinois troops have not been thus provided for, they be instructed to inquire further whether the neglect is justly chargeable to any person holding the office under the State, and to report the facts to this Committee. Referred.

CALL ON THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. Pleasants was instructed by the Judiciary Committee to offer the following:

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to inform this Convention what civil officers, agents or employees of the State are by law acting Constitution and laws of this State to appoint, whether occasional and temporary, for fixed terms to fill vacancies, or otherwise including those whose functions are performed without the State, and distinguishing such as are appointed with and without the concurrence of the Senate. Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Convention then went into the Committee of the Whole, Mr. Wentworth in the Chair. The subject under consideration being *Article Third* of the Constitution. Section eleven was adopted without amendment, all fixing and substituting the year 1865 for the year 1840. An ineffectual attempt was made to substitute June for January as the time for the meeting of the General Assembly. The proposition received perhaps twenty votes.

Sections *twelve to twenty-three*, both inclusive, were adopted, and the business was done in Wentworth's Common Council style, which at first excited considerable merriment, but at last a good deal of indignation.

On section *twenty-three* a good deal of discussion was had, and the deficiencies of that section were pointed out by Messrs. Singleton of Adams, Thornton of Shelby, and Terry of Vermillion. It was shown in course of the debate that under the construction of this section great frauds had been perpetrated by the General Assembly. Under a suspension of the rules hundreds of private and local laws had been introduced, read by their titles three times, and passed all on the same day. There seemed to be an universal agreement as to the necessity of amending, and the section as amended by the committee received its sanction, and is in the following words:

MEMORIAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ILLINOIS STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Committee has agreed to present the following memorial to the Convention in answer to the resolution introduced by General Singleton:

The Executive Committee of the Illinois State Agricultural Society, have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a resolution passed by your honorable body, January 15th, 1862, requesting the Executive Committee of the Illinois State Agricultural Society to present to this Convention at the earliest convenience, such suggestions in relation to the agricultural interests of this State as they may deem important, in view of the action of this body for the promotion of the same.

In reply to this request, as courteously transmitted, I am directed to say it is not deemed necessary to more than call your attention to the fact, that the basis of all material wealth, and consequent social comfort to the citizens of any State, is to be found in the products of the producing classes.

That no State which by its legislation deliberately discourages, or fails to provide for the development of its natural resources, can ever, while pursuing that course, become a great, independent, self-sustaining community.

That the State of Illinois has always heretofore acted upon a broad, liberal principle, for the results of which are to-day plainly apparent in the activity which even now pervades all development of productive industry.

That while this is the fact, it is also true that our present relations to the General Government and States and nations imperatively demand that nothing shall be left undone which may properly be done, that our agricultural interests and all the resources are brought to the highest point of profitable production.

With a range of latitude, diversity of soil and climate possessed by no other State in the United States, we have the capacity to compete in the markets of the world in almost all the productions of the temperate zone, and as a consequence of the war and of the condition of our national affairs, new branches of agriculture demand our attention, and it is believed that the State will be called upon to for large supplies of semi-tropical productions.

In view of this condition of things, and that proper discharge of the important and important duties devolving upon us all as citizens of Illinois, we beg leave to suggest that some plan be adopted by which all efforts to develop our mechanical and agricultural resources may be guided by systematic action.

Whether this end may better be attained by the creation of a Bureau of Agriculture as one of the Departments of the State, or by additional endowment of the State Agricultural Society, enabling it to add the mechanical industries to those it now so successfully employed for the diffusion of useful information, your Committee are not now prepared to decide, and feel that the great interests of the State are entirely safe when left to the wisdom and patriotism of the honorable body.

Signed for the Executive Committee.

JOHN REYNOLDS,
Corresponding Secretary.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

[From our Special Reporter.]

SPRINGFIELD, January 20, 1862.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.

A communication was received from the State Auditor, as follows:

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Jan. 17, 1862.

HON. W. A. HACKER, President of Constitutional Convention:

SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement, marked A, of the approximated receipts from the Illinois Central Railroad Company, to pay a percentage of its gross receipts into the State Treasury, showing the amount and date of each payment, for the years 1857 to 1861, and copy of a resolution adopted by your honorable body, January 10, 1862.

The company has failed to meet the payments required by the resolution of 1857, but I am unable to inform you what amount is now due, in answer to the third inquiry propounded, for reasons which will more fully appear below in my answer to the 4th and 5th inquiries.

In answer to the 4th and 5th inquiries proposed in the resolution of the Convention, I have to state that some time in June or July last the Hon. Wesley Sloan called my attention to the Governor's statement showing the gross earnings of the road from Nov. 1, 1850 to April 30, 1861, and requesting that the per cent. on proceeds of the gross earnings at about $96,000, deducting however, from this latter sum about $20,000 for the interest incurred by said company during the depressed currency, in which it was alleged a large portion of the gross earnings were received. The Governor refused to show the statement, and insisted that the State was entitled to seven per cent. of the gross earnings as reported in dollars and cents, without any allowance for the period of depreciated currency. The President of the company thereupon withdrew the statement, promising, however, an early payment of the amount due the State.

At an interview had between the President and the Attorney of the Company and the Governor and myself, on Monday, the 27th and the 28th of October, 1861, certain reasons were given on behalf of said Company by its officers for delay in the payment of the dues:

1. That the road had labored under great embarrassments, occasioned by the blockade of the Mississippi river, completely destroying its Southern trade.

2. That said road, by the terms of its charter, received much less compensation for transportation of troops and munitions of war than any other good in the State.

3. The President held out as reason for further delay in the payment of the dues that the Company had large claims against the State and United States for transportation of troops and munitions of war, which as soon as allowed by the Board of Auditors, he was promised by the Secretary of the Treasury should be paid, and that the company could then pay the State without embarrassment. The Governor and myself denied that this claim could be offered as a set off to the amount due the State, but the President insisted on it, and expressly disavowed any intention or right to set off said claims, but simply urged the same as a reason for his delay.

About the first day of December, 1861, the Governor telegraphed the President that payment of the amount due the State must be made forthwith. The President came to Springfield and again presented a similar account, (a copy of which is herewith submitted, marked B,) except that instead of the whole amount of gross earnings in dollars, with deduction on account of depreciated paper, this paper purports to be an exhibit of said gross earnings

The Tribune.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1862.

THE ILLINOIS STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

[From our Special Reporter.]

SPRINGFIELD, January 14, 1862.

In reply to a resolution, a letter, together with two tabular statements, was received from the Auditor, laid upon the table and ordered to be printed. The Auditor, in his letter, signified the names of three banks only that had provided for the redemption of their notes, namely:

Mechanics Bank, Harding.
Cooper's Bank, Fairfield.
Union Bank, Benton.

The first business in order was the resolution appointing the Chicago *Staats Zeitung* as one of the journals in which the proceedings were to be published. An attempt was made to order the main question, which failed.

Mr. Brooks of Quincy moved that a committee be ordered to indicate one Republican and one Democratic German newspaper in the State to which the same terms should be offered as to the *Register and Journal*.

Mr. Thornton moved to reconsider the vote of the Convention yesterday appointing printers.

Mr. Barr moved to lay the original motion and substitute on the table.

Lost—Ayes, 32; noes, 37.

Mr. Stinson moved the previous question, which was sustained, and the main question being now put, Mr. Brooks's substitute was adopted—ayes, 36; noes, 34. So the *Staats Zeitung* not only triumphed for itself, but carried a Democratic colaborer with it. I have been particular in giving a somewhat extended account of this little controversy, to show our German friends how savagely they are hated and kneaded by the Democratic Convention composed of two-thirds Democrats.

COMMISSARY GENERAL'S LETTER.

The following letter was received from the Commissary General, read, and referred to the Committee of Militia and Military Affairs:

COMMISSARY GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
SPRINGFIELD, Jan 14, 1862.

HON. WM. A. HACKER, President of the Constitutional Convention:

SIR: In answer to your resolution of the 10th inst. calling on me for information in relation to outstanding contracts for supplies in my Department, I have the honor to report that I have no commissary stores contracted for and not yet received, but have special contracts to supply the ration with W. A. Davis at Carrollton, with Joseph Utley at Dixon, and with C. W. Webster at Shawneetown.

Mr. Webster supplies by purchasing on the market until relieved by the United States Commissary—price of complete ration at Dixon 18 cents, State credit; at Carrollton, 18 cents formerly, now 20 cents. State credit.

Mr. Webster, at Shawneetown, is or will be removed in a few days, and probably the contractors at both the other points.

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Suggestive resolutions now came pouring in, and were appropriately referred. The committee on law reform were instructed to inquire as to the propriety of abolishing Grand Juries; no lawyers to be allowed in the State; to prohibit the Legislature from establishing courts of jurisdiction inferior to circuit courts, except Justices' courts; to provide for the election of an Attorney General; Supreme Court to consist of five Judges, to hold their office for ten years, salary $1,800 per annum; to abolish by ballot and revise the *viva voce* system; to elect Sheriffs for three years and allow them to be re-elected once only; to district the State into fifteen judicial circuits, and limit Judges' salaries to $1,500; to increase the lower branch of the General Assembly to one hundred members, and the Senate to thirty; calling on the Secretary of State and the Auditor for a full statement of the income of their offices; requiring a statement from the Auditor as to the condition of bonds now in a state of liquidation; to restrict grand juries to cases of felony; to create county courts; to prohibit the contracting of debts in the State, Judges to hold office during good behavior; no special act of incorporation to be made by the Legislature; to elect District Attorneys in every county; all laws of the General Assembly to be printed and distributed before they take effect; tax on civil suits to pay Judges' salaries; and other resolutions of like character.

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Mr. Manning moved that the committees be authorized to employ clerks at the rate of not less than $3 per day.

Mr. Wentworth thought clerks were not needed at this time.

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Mr. Ferry moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, and it was so referred.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS.

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Mr. Anthony offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Law Reform to provide that all persons of same mind should be competent witnesses.

HABEAS CORPUS.

Mr. Hacker's resolution declaring that the writ of *habeas corpus* should never be suspended in Illinois, was referred to the Committee on Bill of Rights.

REPORTING AND PRINTING.

Mr. Orme introduced a resolution appointing A. E. and W. H. Drapier and L. L. Walbridge official reporters, and they came forward and were sworn in. The resolution also provides that they shall be paid $30 per day, and the newspapers, *Register* and *Journal*, of this place, and two German papers, to be selected by the Committee on Printing of the Convention composed of two-thirds Democrats.

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